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Ohio CIO Re-Elects Jack Kroll; Plans Intensive Campaign

Plaskon Case Goes To LMC.

A dispute between the Plaskon Unit of Local 12, UAW-CIO and the corporation which led to a work stoppage on Sept. 4, was referred to a panel of the LMC committee which began hearing the case on Wednesday morning of this week.

Principal issues are wages, continuous operation of the plant by means of a swing shift and adjustment of inequalities.

Workers have entered strenuous objections to the swing shift on the grounds that before there was any union in the plant and later on when the AFL held the bargaining rights that there was no attempt on the part of the company to institute a swing shift in order to maintain their production.

Offer Raise — If

The company management has offered to meet the union's wage demands provided that the union will agree to the swing shift. This the union has refused to do.

Raymond Morse, Unit chairman stating the case for the union said that the company was seeking to use the swing shift in an endeavor to bring pressure to bear upon the union. "We know that there is no more need now for a swing shift than there ever was. If the company didn't need it when there was no union in the shop, and if the AFL refused to grant it to them when they had the bargaining rights, you can bet your bottom dollar that we won't give it to them now."

Chairman Morse made it clear that the union would not permit wage increases to be used as a lever by the company management to begin a swing shift. "There's no reason for it, and we will not agree to any such arrangement," he said.

Union pickets are being maintained around the Plaskon's Sylvan Ave., plant and Glendale Research Laboratories. Pickets which had been thrown around the company's construction project in East Toledo last week were ordered withdrawn by **Richard Gosser,** UAW director, last week.

Spicer Unit To Boost Mohn

Member of the Spicer Unit have organized a committee to further the election of **Frank Mohn,** Unit member and candidate for state senator on the Democratic ticket, it was announced in the current issue of Spicer News, Unit shop organ.

Mohn has been given the indorsement of the Unit, which has selected a committee under the chairmanship of **Ollie Dame** to lay plans for the campaign to elect their candidate in the November election.

A fund raising campaign will be announced later through the plant stewards. A concentrated campaign for Mr. Mohn will be carried on through the press, radio, pamphlets and other media by the campaign committee.

The campaign committee has also urged the Spicer Unit members to join and participate in PAC. A drive authorized and approved by the Unit for PAC members will soon open in the plant, according to the Spicer News.

$5000 Pat on the Back

A check for $5000 and best wishes for 1,000,000 new members were handed to the American Veterans Committee last week by the Int'l Ladies Garment Workers-AFL. David Dubinsky, ILGWU president (center) gives his union's donation to Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr. (right) while Oren Root, Jr., looks on. Both Root and Roosevelt are members of the AVC's administrative commitee which is conducting a campaign for $1,000,000 to finance enrollment of 1,000,000 veterans of World War II. With a 72,000 membership now, the AVC has raised $104,000, but the ILGWU's gift was the first from a labor organization. Declaring that "a great number of our members have joined AVC or are in sympathy with it," Dubinsky predicted that more contributions would come from locals of the union. (LPA)

Toledo PAC Launches Registration Drive

Political Campaign For November Intensified

Hard upon the Ohio CIO Convention which closed on Monday of this week in Akron came an announcement from the Toledo Political Action Committee that immediate steps will be taken to get out a big vote for the November election and that a drive for registrations will be intensified to insure a large vote.

Announcement of the registration drive was made by **Clayton Rusch,** PAC chairman. "We have determined to spare no efforts to insure a large vote in the coming election. To accomplish this means that we must all work very hard to get everyone to register. Unless we succeed in getting the voters registered so they will be eligible to vote, we cannot win in this political battle" he said.

Mr. Rusch announced that **Clem Holewinski,** PAC executive officer would be in direct charge of the registration and election drives and would coordinate the efforts of all PAC members in these drives.

Follows PAC Program

The stepping up of the Toledo PAC's political campaign is in line with the policy and program laid down by the State PAC Central Committee and the CIO Akron convention which expressed the importance of political action and called for united support of candidates who are in sympathy with the CIO's legislative program.

Mr. Holewinski stated that the drive would be made on a systematic basis and that all CIO shops, Locals and Units would be called upon to cooperate in getting out the membership to register.

"There are but four more days for those who are ineligible to register to vote. Time passes by quickly and we urge everyone to register on one of the days announced by the Board of Elections. These dates are October 3, 4, 5 and 7", Mr. Holewinski said.

Registration places for the

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Local 12 Sponsors Journalism Class

A class in labor journalism will be inaugurated late this month by Local 12, UAW-CIO as part of its fall and winter educational program, it was announced early this week by **Ollie Pecord,** TOLEDO UNION JOURNAL managing editor.

An initial meeting to organize the class will be held in Parlor "C", Local 12 headquarters, 425 Winthrop St., Monday, Sept. 16 at 8:00 p. m. Shop writers and those interested in taking the course are invited to attend the organization meeting and receive an outline of the subject matter.

Classes will be in charge of Ollie Pecord. **Wilbert Rule,** sports editor, TOLEDO UNION JOURNAL and **Ted Modrowski,** editor of the American Can Unit paper, will assist in the instructions.

A tentative schedule of classes has been set up which will include lectures covering all phases of labor journalism.

Lectures will be given twice each month beginning Sept. 30. Tentative plans call for a twelve lecture course to be followed by an advanced course for those who are interested in shop reporting and Unit papers.

Women Open UAW Meeting

Women representatives from a majority of Region 2-B UAW-CIO Local Unions will open a two-day educational conference today at Toledo Industrial Union Headquarters, 611 Huron St.

Highlighting today's meeting will be an address by **Walter P. Reuther,** UAW-CIO president, this evening following a banquet at the Hotel Secor. Mr. Reuther will be introduced by **Richard Gosser,** Region 2-B director. Tickets for the banquet may be obtained at Local 12, UAW-CIO regional office, shop chairmen and at the meeting.

Opening this morning at 10 a. m. with a welcoming address by **James Crowley,** assistant regional director, and invocation by **Rabbi Morton Goldberg.** The meeting will begin a two-day discussion of problems and interests of women workers.

Women Form Panel

A panel discussion, "What Jobs for Women," will be presided over by **Vivienne Musselman,** YWCA industrial director. Participants will be **Edna Spencer, Louise Foster, Elizabeth McGee** and **Margaret Plunkett.**

Others who will speak during the two-day conference include **Elizabeth Irwin,** Michigan YWCA director; **William H. Oliver,** co-director UAW-CIO Fair Practices Committee; **Christine Pacelli,** YWCA; **Mildred Jeffery,** women's division, UAW-CIO, and **Clayton Rusch,** PAC chairman.

Arrangements were under direction of **Merle Kerchman,** Auto-Lite Unit who will chair the sessions.

The sessions will be adjourned at 4 p. m. Saturday.

Garagemen Turn To Local 12

Garagemen employed in the 32 garages belonging to the Toledo Automotive Trade Association are reported to be turning in increasing number to Local 12 UAW-CIO since they have discovered that the International Association of Machinists which formerly was their bargaining agent is no longer part of the AFL.

Proof of the change that is taking place was shown in the past week when 50 garage mechanics signed up with the Auto Workers and indicated their desire to be represented by a strong union.

Representative of the opinion was the statement of one downtown garage mechanic who said, "I was a member of the IAM for eight years, but the only one who gained anything was the Machinists. I can't tell you one thing the organization did for us, and I'm not putting out my dough for that kind of representation."

Local 12 officials indicated that they are well pleased with the speed with which the garagemen are coming into the UAW-

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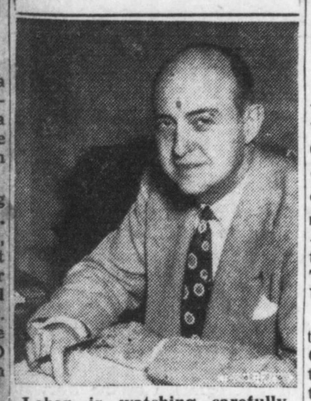
Under Scrutiny



Labor is watching carefully the performance of Keen Johnson, newly appointed Undersecretary of Labor. As Schwellenbach's top assistant, Johnson will be responsible for many policy decisions. He is publisher of a small-town Kentucky newspaper and former member of the Democratic National Committee from Kentucky. (LPA)

UAW-CIO Begins Annual School

Sessions of the annual UAW-CIO school opened today at Camp Muskingham with a representative group of union members from Region 2, 2-A and 2-B present for the opening classes.

There are still vacancies for next week's session which will begin Sept. 20 and run through Sept. 26. Those desiring to attend the classes are asked to get in touch with **Wm. L. Kircher,** 704 Ninth-Chester Bldg. Cleveland 14, Ohio or to contact their Local Union officers for information.

The school which consists of classroom instruction and workshop programs provides ample recreational opportunities. Situated on the shores of the Leeville Dam in Carroll County near New Philadelhia, the school site furnishes fishing, bathing and many other outdoor sports.

Special speakers will present subjects that are part of the course of instruction. Courses offered include UAW-CIO history, leadership training, political action, legislation, price and wage study, stewardship training, committee structure and bargaining.

Edward J. Duck former Local 12 educational director will participate in next week's classes.

ACA Re-elects Selly

NEW YORK (LPA)—Joseph P. Selly was re-elected president of the American Commuications Association-CIO in a referendum the results of which were announced last week. He had been opposed by Harold Taylor who had charged that Selly's policies had weakened the union. The vote was: Selly 3371; Taylor 2817. The union claims membership of 30,000, of whom 18,000 were eligible to vote.

Toledoan Stirs RR Union Row

CHICAGO, Ill. (LPA) Sept. 9—A row that hit the headlines was stirred up here when **Roy Griffith,** chairman of Lodge 26 on the Conductors at Toledo opened up an office to agitate a merger of three railway unions—the Order of Railway Conductors, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and the Switchmen's Union.

Griffith set up his office for the consolidation drive as the Conductors opened their 43rd international convention here at the Hotel Continental. Handbills advocating the merger were passed out by Griffith to delegates to the meeting.

President Harry W. Fraser of the ORC assailed the Toledoan's move declaring that it was inspired in "banck-handed fashion" by A. F. Whitney, president of the trainmen. The two organizations have had bitter jurisdictional disputes.

Slap at Whitney

"Whitney is a master at interfering with other people's business," said Fraser. "This is just another attempt by Whitney to state a big show for himself while our convention is being held in Chicago. He is trying to create confusion and dissatisfaction in our Union, but he won't succeed."

Ohio delegates to the convention repudiated Griffith's claim to being chaiman of Local 26. They said he held no office in the Local, and that he was chairman only of a self-appointed consolidation committee.

The issue of consolidation will also come at the Trainmen's convention which opens Sept. 16 at Miami Beach, Fla. The convention is likewise due to consider

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Pioneer Workers Select UAW-CIO

Employes of the Pioneer Mfg. Co., 1212 Jackson St., selected Local 12, UAW-CIO, as their bargaining agent in an election held Sept. 5. The election was conducted by the Toledo Labor-Management Committee.

Three employes who were discharged at the time of the organizational drive have been returned to their work with full seniority and back pay for lost time. Contract negotiations will begin at once, it was announced by **Howard Rediger,** Local 12 representative in charge of organizational work.

Members of the plant organizing committee are **Al Schroeder, Steve Prokay** and **Loretta Corbett.**

Schwellenbach Takes The Rap

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11 (LPA)—Labor Secretary Schwellenbach again took the rap for President Truman last week when he announced that he was "recommending" to the White House appointment of an AFL official as the workers' delegate to the International Labor Organization conference opening Sept. 19 in Montreal.

Previously Schwellenbach had announced that, to break the deadlock between CIO and AFL over who should speak for United States labor at the meetings, he would alternate appointments between the two bodies. Last year, the delegate to the Paris ILO meeting was Robert Watt, AFL international representative.

Green Assailed For CIO Labor Day Attack

By Ollie Pecord

AKRON, Ohio, Sept. 9—Jack Kroll, director of the National PAC, was re-elected president of the Ohio CIO Council here yesterday without opposition by the Ohio CIO Convention. He will serve his fifth consecutive term.

Also re-elected without opposition was William Lavelle, secretary-treasurer, who will begin his fourth term in the office.

Weak opposition to Kroll developed here on Saturday when Paul Fessenden, state vice-president, was boosted for the presidency by Akron locals. Fessenden, however, did not enter the race when the Toledo delegates, after considerable debate during their caucus, decided to support Kroll.

Politics Emphasized

Kroll's election highlighted a convention in which the political considerations of the November election were emphasized and re-emphasized with Kroll himself telling the delegates that the best way they could honor the memory of Sidney Hillman, former PAC chairman who died in July, was to work for the election of congressmen friendly to labor and "by dropping thousands of ballots into the ballot box in November."

Highlight of today's convention session was a fiery address delivered by Allen Haywood, CIO Director of Organization who denounced William Green, AFL president for the latter's Labor Day address in which the CIO was accused of fostering Communism within its ranks.

"Willie Was Lying"

"Willie was lying," said Hay-

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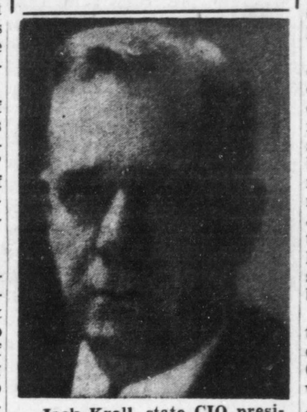
Re-Elected



Jack Kroll, state CIO president, was re-elected by the Ohio CIO at their Akron convention Sept. 9. He will serve his fifth term in the office.

CIO Names Three Toledo Area Men

AKRON, Ohio, Sept. 9 — Elected to three of the 17 Ohio CIO vice-presidencies by the CIO convention here today were three Toledo area CIO members.

Those named from Toledo were **Fred (Scotty) Bebb,** president of the Doehler-Jarvis Local, Die Casters and **Harry Scott,** financial secretary, Local 9, Flat Glass Workers who succeeded **John B. O'Shea** who was not a candidate for re-election.

Also elected was **Tom Kinney,** president of Local 497, Port Clinton. The men will take their places at the next meeting of the state CIO executive board.

WFTU Wants UN Rights

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y. — (LPA) — The meeting of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations this week has before it a request from the World Federation of Trade Unions — of which the CIO is the United States affiliate — for the right to participate, without a vote, in its deliberations. The WFTU is also protesting its status as an observer with limited participation in the UN General Assembly, which next meets here Sept. 23.

Payroll Tax Denounced By Ohio CIO

AKRON, Sept. 9—Payroll taxes, particularly the Toledo Income-Payroll Tax adopted early this spring, was roundly denounced by the Ohio CIO convention here today when a resolution was unanimously adopted calling upon the Ohio General Assembly to declare the tax illegal.

Leading the attack upon the payroll tax was **Tom Burke,** Toledo councilman and executive secretary of the Toledo Industrial Union Council, who declared the income-payroll tax was particularly vicious in failing to provide exemptions for dependents and in levying upon the gross earnings of workers rather than the net earnings, the same as the provision made for professionals and corporations.

Mr. Burke pointed out that if other cities adopted such a tax

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Labor Intensifies Congress Battle

Unions Consolidate Their Political Forces For Fight

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9 (LPA) — Organized labor in every section of the country turned on the steam this week and intensified its political activities more than ever before, with the November elections less than three months away.

Intensely aware that the Republican Party is "set for a kill" nationally and desperately determined that the new 80th Congress shall not be the same sort of anti-labor wrecking crew that junked almost every piece of progressive legislation this year, AFL and CIO unions in every state have tightened their lines and consolidated forces.

CIO leaders joined with the leaders of seven other independent organizations in issuing a call to the country's progressives to meet in Chicago on Sept. 28-29 "to find common ground for joining their strength and to redefine a program that will fulfill the needs of the people."

Warning that "the November elections will decide the Nation's future," the call was signed by heads of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen; Walter White, executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; National Farmers Union; CIO Political Action Committee; Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences & Professions; National Citizens Political Action Committee; Southern Conference for Human Welfare, and CIO President Philip Murray.

AFL unions in cities from Oregon to Florida have organized house-by-house and block-by-block campaigns to see that citizens get out to register and vote. AFL President Green and international union leaders, branding the 79th Congress' record "shameful," have urged AFL members in every part of the country to turn out the vicious Congressional reactionaries and elect friends of labor.

Veterans organizations were also preparing to make their weight felt behind progressive candidates in the November elections. The American Veterans Committee campaign for "Every Veteran A Voter" was sparked by Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr., son of the late president and a member of the AVC's planning committee.

Roosevelt Sparks AVC

Declaring that "veterans are on the march," Roosevelt said, "A new day is dawning in American politics. From Central Falls, R. I., to Athens, Tenn., to Milwaukee, Wis., to every district and precinct in the country vet-

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Local 12 Members Head Legion Post

Ray Pund, former executive committeeman and a member of National Supply Unit of Local 12, UAW-CIO, was named commander of Baker Post, largest American Legion post in Toledo, at its annual election of officers Aug. 26.

Pund's elevation to commander sets no precedent in electing a union man to office for he succeeds **Leroy (Casey) Stengel,** a member of Willys Unit of Local 12, who now becomes past commander. Stengel is a steward at the Willys-Overland plant.

DRIVERS' LICENSES

Drivers licenses for the current year beginning Oct. 1, are now on sale at Local 12 headquarters, 425 Winthrop St., at the dues office window. Those who have not already done so are urged to purchase their new licenses before Oct. 1. Licenses may be obtained daily between 9:00 a. m. and 8:30 p. m. and on Saturdays from 9:00 a. m. to 2:30 p. m.

Ohio CIO Convention Pledges Congress Fight

DiSalle Fails To Win State PAC Endorsement

AKRON, Sept. 9—Pledging a fight in every congressional district where there is CIO membership, the Ohio CIO convention declared open warfare on John W. Bricker, GOP senatorial candidate and refused to indorse candidates for governor and congressman-at-large.

Nine candidates for the House of Representatives were given official indorsement.

President Jack Kroll, PAC director, launched an attack upon John W. Bricker, declaring, "We cannot send to the United States Senate a man who once called the middle class voter 'trash,' and who, as governor, was content to see the needy of Cleveland starve, the mentally ill sleep two in a bed and our state institutions go to rack and ruin, just so he could boast of a big treasury surplus."

PAC States Position

In failing to make endorsement in the governor's race, the state Central PAC committee stated that neither candidate has a record to stir "enthusiasm of progressive sentiment in Ohio. However," said the report, "Tom Herbert is not a candidate in his own right, but merely the echo of the Taft-Bricker-NAM machine. It would be a major tragedy if the Taft-Bricker coalition is permitted to control the government of the state of Ohio.

Endorsements made by the State Central PAC Committee are:

Lieutenant governor, George F. Nye (D) Waverly; Secretary of State, Charles F. Sweeney (D), Lakewood; Treasurer of State, James T. Welsh (D), Steubenville; Attorney General, Timothy S. Hogan (D), Cincinnati.

Huffman Is Endorsed

Congressional endorsements were given to James W. Huffman (D), incumbent of Columbus and congressional candidates from nine districts as follows:

G. Andrews Espy, First District; Francis G. Davis, Second District; Edward J. Gardner, Third District; Merl J. Bragg,

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Strike Collections

Compilation of strike collections were not completed at the time the JOURNAL went to press. However, beginning next week a box score will be carried showing the collections for each shop on a per capita basis. Meantime, a Local 12 representative reports that contributions for the Case and Mack strikers taken up in one of the small shops was contributed to by union workers, several officials of the company and non-union office workers. Can your shop do as well?

Truman Blocks Mead War Probe

President Calls Issue Dead Horse Refuses to Permit Testimony

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9 (LPA) — President Truman last week threw a roadblock in front of the Senate War Investigating Committee's inquiry into wartime profiteering when he turned thumbs down on the committee's request that Admiral Ernest J. King testify on the "worthless" $133,000,000 Canol oil project in Canada.

Sen. James Mead (D., N. Y.), committee chairman, wanted to question King about the Canadian-Alaska wartime oil project which Mead said "served no useful military purpose and was a wanton waste of money, manpower and materials."

Truman told a press conference that the issue is a dead horse now and there would be no point in King's testifying. Mead proposed that King be questioned on why the joint chiefs of staff insisted that the Canol pipeline be completed when it was known that the expensive project would be of no wartime use. King was charged in a committee report with "using his high office" to prevent discontinuance of a "costly blunder" and refusing to abandon the plan "regardless of the cost in manpower and critical materials."

Reject May Offer

The Mead Committee also found itself blocked in its attempts to question Rep. Andrew J. May (D. Ky.) about his connections with the profitteering Garsson munitions empire.

May, who allegedly ran out on the committee the day before he was scheduled to testify in Washington, notified the committee that he was willing to answer questions at his home in Prestonburg Ky., where he is confined with heart trouble. May's offer was quickly rejected and Mead wrote to the Kentuckian that "This unsworn statement does not give information concerning your activities in connection with the war contract operations of Henry M. Garsson and his associates and is not satisfactory to the committee."

May's 11-page statement attempted to show that he did not profit from his connections with the Garsson combine which grew from a barrowed letterhead into an industrial pyramid with 16 plants and $78,000,000 worth of war contracts.

The explanation failed to satisfy committee members who reiterated their belief that if May is healthy enough to campaign for re-election this fall he should be able to return to Washington

CIO Plans To Fight Monopoly

Suggests Consideration Of Senator Morse Proposals

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11 (LPA)—The long tenacles of industrial and business monopoly have reached even further into American economic life during World War II, and threaten any hope of full production and full employment to achieve an economy of abundance.

This is the warning uttered by the CIO Depeartment of Research and Education as the conclusion of an eight-page study of American Monopoly in the current issue of Economic Outlook.

The dangers of monopoly are illustrated, the CIO publication indicates, by the meeting held by General Motors Corp. at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York last January during the GM strike. Present, and planning big business policy on wages and prices, were men from U. S. Steel, Bethlehem Steel, American Rolling Mill, GM, Westinghouse, Libby-Owens-Ford, and the meat packing industry.

"When national policies as affecting millions of wage earners can thus be determined and put into operation by a handful of individuals, the dangers to our political and social economy are self-evident," the Economic Outlook says.

Grabbing Off Cream

Large American corporations received the greatest percentage of government contracts during the war, and now are grabbing off the cream of the crop of the surplus government-built war plants. In addition, the CIO researchers point out, mergers have risen sharply since the end of the war.

"In the light of present economic tendencies, it may become necessary to give serious consideration" to a suggestion by Sen. Wayne Morse (R. Ore.), that "public control either through regulation or ownership" be utilized as a curb to monopoly practices, the CIO concludes.

In a four-point program for the nation, it proposes that monopoly be combatted by these steps: "(1) more effective enforcement of our anti-trust laws; (2) financial and technical assistance for small business, including aid in scientific research; (3 elimination of cartels from the national and international scene; (4) universal use of patent rights."

2 New Policies Offered By Blue Cross

A new Blue Cross contract is being issued by the Hospital Service Association of Toledo during the months of September, October and November, Mr. James H. Smith, executive director of the Association, announced today,

The benefits, to be effective when the subscriber receives the new contract are: 1) biologicals and biochemicals, 2) penicillin, 3) serum, 4) polio, 5) hospital care for tuberculosis in Ohio non-profit general hospitals for thirty-one days only, after revised contract has been in effect one year and 6) basal metabolism.

Blue Cross membership is available through employer groups of five or more persons.

All subscribers who are not paying through their employer or group leader will not be eligible for this contract. All subscribers who are paying direct to the Association office and are employed where there is a Blue Cross group are urged to transfer to their group in order to be eligible for enrollment through the "Doctors' Plan."

The monthly premium for this new contract will be $.60 for one person and $1.90 for families.

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days named by the Board of Elections will be at the following places:

Locke Library, Greenwood and S. Main; Jermain Library, Galena and Superior; Mott Library, Dorr and Forest; South Side Library, Broadway and Langdon; Lagrange Central Library, Lagrange and Central; McKinley School, Central and Upton; Brand Whitlock Homes, recreation room; Ravine Park Village, Seaman and Earlwood and Walbridge Park at Amherst Dr.

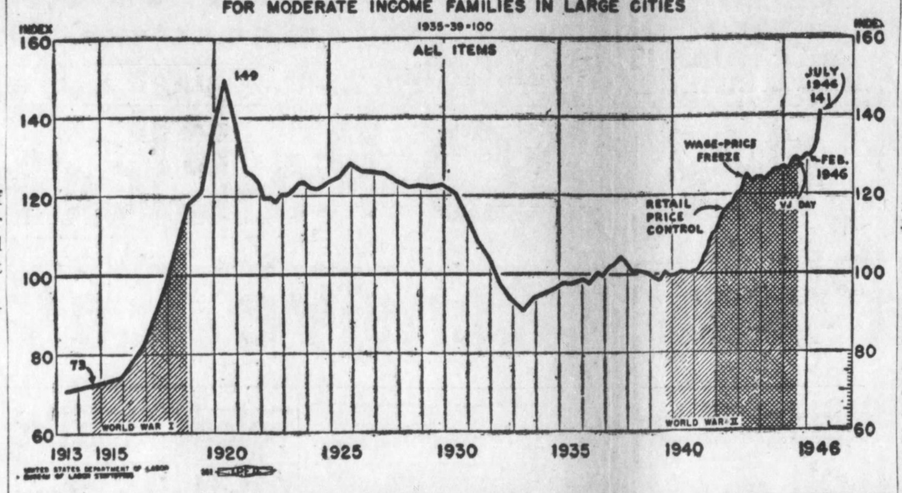
Township registration places will be located as follows:

Adams township: Heather Downs Community House, Heather Downs and Brushwood; Adams Township Hall, Door and Reynolds Rd.; Gederts' Garage, 3149 Dorr.

Washington Township: Douglas and Monroe, Trilby Engine House, Dixie Rd. and California Blvd., Shoreland and Sudor.

Ottawa Hills Village: Indian Rd. and Bancroft.

Registration places will be open Oct. 3, 4, 5 and 7 from 10:00 a. m. to 2:00 p. m. and from 4:00 p. m. to 9:00 p. m.



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erans are running for office, managing campaigns, making the entrenched machines fight for their very political life. Veterans appear to be voting in 'blocs' for their own candidates."

The election campaign will be opened in New York with a Madison Square Garden rally on Sept. 12 and addresses by Sen. Claude E. Pepper (D., Fla.) and Commerce Secretary Henry Wallace.

Primaries and party conventions throughout the country ran true to form. In New York the well-oiled Republican machine renominated Gov. Thomas E. Dwey and named Irving M. Ives, state Assembly majority leader, as candidate for senator. The Democrats, set for the toughest batttle in decades, nominated Sen. James Mead for governor, and former Gov. Herbert Lehman for senator. Mead, who gained nationwide fame during the past eight months for his vigorous exposure of war profiteering, won the support of PAC.

The American Labor Party, of New York, joined the Democrats in nominating Mead and Lehman at the ALP's convention in New York City.

Labor just missed having another union-hater in the Senate when Rep. Howard Smith (D., Va.), one of the worst reactionaries in Congress, lost his bid to fill the unexpired term of the late Senator Glass.

In Louisiana, CIO, AFL and independent unions were gunning for Rep. F. Edward Hebert, who has boasted a perfect anti-labor and anti-price control voting record in Congress. Practically all unionists are backing Sidney Massicot to out Hebert.

In Connecticut former Economic Stabilizer Chester Bowles, with labor support, was backed for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination by Sen. Brien McMahon (D., Conn.). Colorado unionists will vote to retire Rep. Dean M. Gillespie, a Republican who has voted consistently against labor's interests.

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proposals for affiliation with either the AFL or CIO.

Contacted here by the TOLEDO UNION JOURNAL, Roy Griffith proved by papers and documents in his possession that he was chairman of Local 26 and a member of the Toledo Area Council of Railroad Workers. He displayed a slightly discolored left eye and a cut on his nose which he said he received at Chicago last week during the ORC convention when a delegate whom he did not know "took a sucker punch" at him.

Mr. Griffith showed copies of two letters which he had sent to the convention and to President Fraser requesting 15 minutes of the convention's time to explain the consolidation plan and reported that he had received no answer, either from President Fraser or the convention.

Griffith said that he was leaving Toledo Sept. 15 to attend the Trainmen's convention in Miami Beach to advocate consolidation before the meeting if it would give him permission to speak. However, he said, "I don't expect to be too successful."

Stating that he and President Whitney were decidedly not friends, Mr. Griffith said, "Wait until Whitney hears about this. He'll blow his top. You haven't heard the end of this argument."

Nurses Warn Of Breakdown

NEW YORK — (LPA) — Unless new nurses are attracted to the profession quickly by the raising of wages and shortening of hours, an eventual breakdown of hospital services in New York cannot be avoided, Nan T. Cuming, field representative of the Registered Nurses Guild warned last week. The Guild, which now has 500 members here, is Local 1043 of the Am. Federation of State, County & Municipal Employes-AFL.

Teachers' Strike Empties Schools

NORWALK, Conn. Sept. 9 — (LPA) — The 4000 school children in this community last week reported for the fall term, only to find that their teachers weren't there. The 232 teachers in the elementary and high schools here had refused to work unless they won pay increases, full recognition of the Norwalk Teachers Assn. as bargaining agent, and a contract.

State Education Commissioner Alonzo G. Grace, in an unprecedented move, backed up the teachers' wage demands as "fair and equitable," and ordered schools in the city closed for three days. He also sent in members of his staff to investigate the city's educational system.

The dispute arose out of refusal of the Board of Estimate to appropriate enough money to meet the proposed teachers' pay schedule. Teachers are asking for $2000 to $4800 salaries, depending on educational attainment and years of experience. They were willing to settle for they asked, but even this was this year for about half of what not approved by the Board of Education.

Only nine of the city's teachers were at their desks when the school term "opened" last week, and janitors met children at the doors to send them home shouting joyously.

Garagemen Turn To Local 12

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CIO and are confident that a good majority will soon make it possible for Local 12 to represent them.

Garagemen observing the progress that the UAW-CIO has made for the workers in Toledo plants in raising of wages, working conditions, hours and other benefits are rapidly coming to realize that the best choice for them to make it to select a union with a long record of accomplishments for the workers and get the advances for which they have been seeking, so far unsucessfully.

Daily reports show that even in garages, where the IAM succeeded in getting membership after misrepresenting themselves, mechanics are now awake to the fact that they have been misled and are repudiating their memberships.

Pope Pius Urges Cooperative Development

STRASBOURG, France — (CNS)—Pope Pius XII advocated the formation of cooperatives in a message addressed recently to the Conference of French Catholics here, according to Reuters news agency.

"Even when nationalization is justified," he said, "it is to be feared that it may impart a mechanical character to life. Also, all the advantages which it might bring to the masses may be questioned. We hold that it is more useful to create cooperative associations for each branch of the public economy, which would favor the prosperity of enterprise."

"In closing," Reuters continues, "the Pope declares that the cooperative form of economic life is more conformable to the teaching of Christianity, notably in what concerns human personality, the working community and private prosperity."

Ohio CIO Pledges Congress Battle

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Fourth District; Walter B. Huber, Fourteenth District; William R. Thom, Sixteenth District; Michael J. Kirwan, Nineteenth District; Michael Feighan, Twentieth District; Robert Crosser, Twenty-First District. All endorsed congressional candidates are Democrats.

DiSalle Not Endorsed

Michael V. DiSalle, Toledo vice-mayor and Democratic candidate for Congress from the Ninth District, was not given the committee endorsement. It was explained, however, that in districts where no endorsement is indicated the State Central Committee will refer them to the PAC steering committee with power to act.

Herbert S. Duffey (D) Columbus, was endorsed for judge of the State Supreme Court.

Recommendations are expected from local PAC units for the Court of Appeals and for contests for state senators and representatives.

Auto Heads Find Goat

DETROIT, Sept. 9 — (LPA)—The auto industry, which staged a deliberate sit-down strike following VJ-Day last September, is now trying to shift the blame for lagging production to President Truman.

This was made clear here this week by Charles E. Wilson, president of General Motors, world's largest auto manufacturer. Wilson addressing a press conference of 50 reporters gathered from all over the country, declared that the administration has mishandled the stabilization program and that as a result "the stage is getting set" for a new wave of national strikes for wage raises.

"If you want me to be real frank," said Wilson, "it is the government's fault. They are the ones who encouraged the present big international unions. They made about three very bum forecasts."

Warns of Strikes

Reporters almost laughed out loud when Wilson warned against strikes for wage hikes and in almost the next breath announced that GM would seek another price increase of $100 despite the fact that GM auto prices have jumped more than 30 per cent since their last model in 1941.

Wilson's report was a sob-story from start to finish. Continuation of government controls was described as one of the biggest threats to full production and he bemoaned "suppliers' strikes cannot be blamed for the failure of the industry to meet its own projected production quotas.

GM, according to Wilson, will collect an excess profits tax refund of $160,000,000 if the company's losses from manufacturing and selling amounts to at least $191,000,000.

Labor Rebuffs Peron

WASHINGTON (LPA) — A stony silence from AFL and CIO headquarters here has greeted the invitation of President Peron of Argentina for a U. S. labor delegation to tour his country to study labor conditions at first hand. The invitation was extended by the Argentine Ambassador here, who said the plan was to start almost immediately, and to have the delegates spend 10 days to two weeks on a government-conducted tour. Neither AFL nor CIO officials would comment on the invitation. All organized labor groups in the U. S. have attacked Peron's government as a dictatorship.

Ohio CIO Re-Elects Kroll; Plans Intensive Campaign

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wood. "The CIO has taken on the obligation to build a better world. And Willie can put that into his lying pipe and smoke it!" he added.

Haywood warned that "CIO must stop their hating practices and unite in this battle." He called for wholehearted support of PAC and referred to an Oklahoma congressional candidate who had accused CIO of spending $6,000,000 to defeat him. "Hell, give me $6,000,000 and I'll elect all the congressmen—yes, I'll buy them with that money," he roared.

Adopt Many Resolutions

Resolutions passed by the convention include:

To remove 3.2 beer from local option because such option threatens the jobs of thousands of CIO brewery workers.

To increase unemployment compensation to a $25 a week level and eliminate "merit rating" from the law.

Urging complete recodification and simplification of the Ohio Workmen's Compensation law.

Voted complete support of the Patman housing and Wagner-Ellender-Taft bills now pending in Congress.

To petition the next session of the Ohio Legislature for legislation calling for full railroad crews on all trains.

Support of legislation for the re-establishment of a fair employment practice commission for Ohio.

A pledge of efforts to induce Congress to approve the pending Pepper minimum wage bill.

Additional Resolutions

To increase old-age pensions to not less than $75 a month and that such payments be increased in direct ratio with the rising cost of living and benefits to begin at not later than 60 years of age.

Endorsement of the anti-poll tax bill and a demand that Ohio congressmen support the passage of House bill 7.

A pledge to exercise every effort to defeat anti-labor judges who issue injunctions against strikes.

Support for the Murray-Wagner-Dingell bill providing low-cost medical and hospital care to workers and their dependents.

Political Action Urged

Everything in the convention from the opening speech to today, the last day of the meeting, added up to political action.

Every speech, from President Kroll's opening address to the resolutions on the floor and discussion of plans for the November election made it obvious to every delegate that Ohio CIO was aware of the stake which it had in the November balloting and realized that Ohio was a key state in what will either be an extension of the conservatives in Congress or a victory for the progressive labor-liberal forces.

President Kroll summed up the sentiments of the convention when he urged every delegate to return to their homes and become a politician "in the better meaning of the word in order that candidates friendly to labor would be elected."

The convention, the largest on record in the history of the state CIO, seated 840 delegates with about the same number of visitors in attendance. Hotel accommodations were sorely tried, but all the delegates were able to secure rooms. Tentative plans were being made to hold the 1947 convention in Cincinnati, although reports were that President Kroll, who comes from that city, was opposed to holding the meeting there.

Payroll Tax Denounced By CIO

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that there was a great possibility that a worker who lived in one city and worked in another would be forced to pay taxes on his income to both cities. He urged the delegates to organize resistance movements against public officials and others who sought to enact payroll taxes as a way of raising municipal funds.

Both CIO President **Jack Kroll** and Secretary-Treasurer **William Lavelle** attacked the tax, condemning it as a quick and easy way to raise money at the expense of the workers.

Opposition to the income-payroll tax was voiced prior to the convention in a letter sent by Mr. Lavelle to all Ohio CIO Local unions and Councils. The resolution was reported to have been written by **Richard Gosser**, Toledo UAW-CIO director who led the fight against the income-payroll tax in Toledo early this year.

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Seeing Eye—W-O Unit

Gee Whiz And Stuff! The old factory is going through a rejuvenating period. It is getting its face lifted and painted, yards cleaned and a large sign painted on 107 building letting the world know what plant it is and what it manufactures. We were disappointed on the neon sign at gate No. 3 after expecting a 16-foot sign to see it dwindle to about two feet. The biggest surprise is the nice cement sidewalk in place of the cinders and the nice sod. Also those little Christmas trees. We wonder if this was a Lewandowski idea as we have heard he prefers gooseberry bushes to trees.

Tom Bailey of department 268 has studied the pros and cons of single life and found out something was missing. He finally took unto himself a wife. He was married recently to Mrs. Gibbles of Bono. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Bailey.

Charles Higgins, who used to be familiam around the aircraft and now hangs his hat in department 331, tells the best fish story of the season. He said he hooked a near sized whale in northern Michigan. He played it for about two hours till the fish and himself were worn out and then towed it up to the boat. Just as he was reaching down to grab it, away it went. He swears it weighed over 17 pounds from the scales on its back.

Brothers and sisters, it is our opinion that a letter of thanks should be sent to Brothers Bob Cousino, George Teatsorth, Andy Jones and Tony Machada for the fine job they did in building our float that won first prize Labor Day and to the many hundreds who had that great union spirit and paraded.

We wish the management would take a few minutes for a tour through the parking lot at 4:30 p. m. But we also suggest they take out an accident policy before they start. We do not understand why we have no one injured yet. Traffic conditions are intolerable. Why does not the management and the Union get up a traffic committee to handle our parking lots? If the company can set up parking rules around the Ad building it surely can work out something to remove those terrific hazards with which the plant workers are confronted.

The brothers in department 234, better known as the Trim Shop, are smiling again after several bad days. The reason, time study is on the job.

Did you ever stop and think how you would feel if your job was taken away from you by a reactionary company and your wife and kiddies went hungry? We know what you would do, you would appeal to your fellow workers all over the country to help carry your strike on. This is what the brothers from J. I. Case Co. and Mack Truck workers and A. C. Chalmers are doing. So please contribute when your steward asks for a donation. Let's help these brothers win their strike by feeding their families.

We have heard a great many complimentary remarks about the fifth annual W.-O. Unit picnic and field day. We are hoping for a nice sunny day and a large crowd. Let's all go and have a good time. If you have any extra room in your car, stop at Local 12 on your way and pick up as many as you can. Every little favor will help.

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Toledo Stamping Notes

By Gertie Mason

It looks like the kids will have to begin polishing apples for the teachers again. Good luck to the teachers who helped us out this summer.

Alice Bassett had two lovely showers, but her mother is worried lest she not know how to use all the handy gadgets which she received.

Someone has inquired if the Boosters have cold feet. They have failed to accept the Green Hornets challenge.

Since La Weber has entered its precincts, the bowling alley has become glamorized.

Barbara would like to thank Mr. Snyder, Ray Tasker and Charlie Ball for their cooperation in organizing a good league. Ditto to Amber Eagleton and Ethel Weaver for their cooperation during the summer months. And ditto to each girl for her part. The girls will be rolling at Van's Alleys on Detroit Ave. at 2:00 p. m. Lots of success to our new officers, Rose, Ethel, Lillian and Barbara.

ILWU-CIO Set to Strike

SAN FRANCISCO (LPA) — Possibility of west coast longshoremen's strike on Sept. 30 drew closer last week when negotiations between employers and the CIO Int'l Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union were broken off with the employers refusing to meet the union's demands. The union informed the Waterfront Employers' Ass'n of the Pacific Coast that its negotiating committee members were returning to their home districts to prepare for the strike. Chief demand of the union is for a safety code which will cut down "the appalling number of deaths and cripplings on the waterfront."

Champion Unit Sparklets

Charles Decker said that if he and his wife get the fall housecleaning done bofore it snows, he is going to go out and play a little golf with the boys from the shop.

Peace prevails in Eng. Dept. 2nd floor now that Nick Carney is the detail man on the 3rd shift.

Caroline Miles of Dept. E. 1st shift, recently walked down the middle aisle. Congratulations Carrie.

The Union worked hard to get Mr. Waters out of the Champion, but how can we get Mr. Waters out of Clyde Elder?

Mr. Steve Sabo of Dept. E, is looking around for a good-looking woman who has 7 million dollars or more to spend on him.

The Executive Committee wishes to thank all the members who marched or helped out in our Labor Day Parade, and are looking forward to a bigger and better turn-out next year.

Department L is growing by leaps and bounds, they posted bids for 8 or 10 more jobs last week.

Celia Raczkowski, Dept. D 2nd shift, is home from the Hospital after a long illness and would like to hear from the gang by phone or letter. Here's hoping you're back to work soon, Celia.

Fannie Lowe of Dept. D celebrate her 22nd birthday this week. Hubba-Hubba.

We still have cases of employees going to the foreman with trouble and then wonder why they don't get any results. Yet we have a very effective set-up in which they still go to the foreman only in the presence of a Steward.

Union Protests Fail

SYRACUSE, N. Y. (LPA) — Over the combined protests of both the CIO and AFL a wartime plant which cost the nation's taxpayers $2,231,237 was sold to Syracuse University last week for $669,368.

National Supply Unit News

By J. McKnight

We wish to extend our thanks and appreciation to the fine job that Cecil Shufelt did in the arrangements for our Unit in the Labor Day parade.

Jack Fellers, Dept. 54, has given up the idea of buying new glasses. Since the company had the windows washed in his department, he is able to see the sunshine and passing parade.

There is good reason for the big smile and flushed face of Brother Courtwright, material move man in Dept. 39. He is the proud father of a baby boy. Congratulations to you and your wife.

Herman Nieman, Dept. 6, got his fingers in the band saw and fractured them. Another argument won by the machine age. Let's be more careful on the job.

Not having worked with Bob Benson, Dept. 109, since he was made foreman about a year ago, we had that opportunity last week when he filled in for Meiring. The foreman training hasn't changed him one bit. He still has the same old line and the air won't clear up for weeks to come.

Al Carnes, Dept. 36, has just returned from a fishing trip in northern Canada. Al reports the fish even crawl into the boat to get out of the congestion in the water where the fish are so plentiful there isn't room for them to turn around.

The chain department is breaking apart link by link. We wonder what Gus Zimmerman will do when this department closes down. After all, 13 years is a long time to be in chains.

There is another parade coming up in the near future. The parade to the polls to vote. Join the PAC and get in line for this big event.

Leonard Klatt, who worked in the shop during his leave from the Army, has returned to Germany to join the forces of occupation. Good luck, Leonard.

Phone Parley Date Set

WASHINGTON (LPA)—The constitutional convention and special assembly of the National Federation of Telephone Workers will be held Nov. 3 to 16 inclusive in Denver, Colo. The "one big union" proposal to amalgamate the 49 NFTW affiliates will be voted on at the gatherings.

Ragging the Scale

By Elsie Jaye

So now a lot of us wish we had our wife taking in washings, newsboys for sons and a dog house we could raise lantern-jawed dogs in. How do we go about it, Porky?

And why is H. H. Martens so friendly with Mr. Billett?

Letter: Dear Elmer, Will you please try to get those twister-heads finished by Thanksgiving, since the Christmas rush makes it imperative we have them done in good time? Signed, Unc C. D. P. S. Could you have Roy get those bar levers done pretty soon, too? I've another job for him ('S truth, so help me).

We regret that through a misunderstanding, we did not get to say anything to those of you that attended the meeting last Saturday about PAC. However, we did see a few in the bar later and are well satisfied with a five out of six batting average. Please believe me, PAC is now our white hope in the battle of keeping wages down to our incomes. And only $1 PER YEAR does it. Just tell your steward or committeeman you want to join.

Thanks to Bill for last week's Kenny-O-Gram.

Didn't you think the Misses Black, Depner and Weber looked rather nice on our Labor Day float? Even Chuck Cramer looked kinda cute, Hawaiian style.

The Bowlovlies took off with a vengeance last Thursday night, with some nice scores being posted. And the boys from the plant who showed up evidently enjoyed the show.

We lost a day last week by drinking water—a pastime we had foregone during our well-earned (?) vacation.

Add the sick list, Hazel Phillips is not doing too well from her operation. She has been off for the last six or seven weeks. We extend a hearty "Hurry up and get well" to her.

Rose Davis recently fell and broke her wrist. Too short for her housecoat so she tripped.

Claude Moore, Pat Patterson, Clyde and Alta Justus, Betty Jobe and friends spent Saturday evening bowling and behaving like good people for a change.

Commutator Comments

Have you noticed Larry pushing the work out of the air lathe department? When Bob returns from his vacation he can take lessons from Larry.

Fritz Boose married off his son over the week-end. From all reports, Fritz had to wait until the fog cleared before he could be sure who it was that got married.

Johnny Grant and Les Godell went to Whitehouse on a picnic. They got lost four times on the way up and six times coming home.

We have no news of our Indians being on the warpath. Maybe they are taking time out to rest up for a new snake dance.

Irene might as well take off the new cheaters. We know her anyway.

Have you noticed all the new help? Hubba, hubba! Look around a little bit, fellas.

Are we mad that they closed Homer plant down? The way work is stacking up, it looks like a big year for the home team.

Sam Scott is getting so fat that they are going to move the machinery so he can get up to his work.

An article in the Blade said that men with all-girl families are great lovers. Alice says "tain't so, tain't."

We need more news for the column. Give, folks, give.

The Acklinite

By Martin Bachli

At this time the committee wishes to thank those who contributed to the strike fund for the Case strikers of Racine, Wis. Every little bit helps their cause.

The mushroom hunters from Acklin had good luck the past week in their search for the early ones. Bert Green reported picking five bushels.

An old friend and fellow worker, Jim Mulvaney, who used to drive the mules at Acklin, is now running a hamburg spot at 903 Nebraska Ave. called the Five Thirty Hot Dog. If you are over that way give his place a whirl.

The Local has sent in the notice to the company that the contract be opened up for further wage negotiations. It is now up to the people to show up at the meetings and give your committee your full support.

The fisherman of the week is "Baldy" from the small line. While on his vacation he caught a large mouth bass weighing seven pounds.

Six Million Kids Ate

WASHINGTON (LPA) — As the new federal-state school lunch program got under way with the opening of classroom doors across the nation, the Agriculture Dept., reported that last year 6,655,488 pupils in 43,480 schools were assured hot, nourishing lunches through the school lunch plan.

CIO Wins 97th Dixie Election

ATLANTA, Sept. 9 — (LPA) — The CIO's southern drive last week chalked up its 97th victory in NLRB elections and announced that in addition it has 195 petitions for certification pending with the Board.

New CIO triumphs occurred in Charleston, S. C., where 183 voted for Mine, Mill & Smelter-CIO, 16 for AFL, four for District 50, UMW-AFL, and 10 for "no union"; and at Savannah, Ga., where 190 selected MMSW and only seven voted "no union." Other CIO unions that recorded election successes were the United Packinghouse Workers, Fur & Leather Workers, Int'l Woodworkers, United Stone & Allied Products Union, and Food, Tobacco & Agricultural Workers.

Exceed 'Mercy Wheat' Quota

ST. PAUL, MINN. (LPA) — Northwestern farmers, cooperating thru the Farmers Union Grain Terminal Ass'n here, hauled in 20% of the wheat gathered in the entire U. S. in UNRRA's emergency drive this summer for "mercy wheat." The Farmers Union members first promised 10 million bushels, ended up with a grand total of more than 15½ million bushels.

CIO Blames Anderson

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11 (LPA) — A demand that President Truman either fight hard for price control continuation or "frankly concede that economic stabilization in the U. S. A. is dead" was made here last week by John Thornton, chairman of the CIO Cost of Living Committee. He issued his statement upon publication of Agriculture Secretary Anderson's orders that meat ceilings be restored at levels higher than on June 30, 1946.

"Secretary Anderson's concession to the pressure of the livestock interests and the meat packers is a new and disastrous blow to the living standards of the American people," the CIO official charged. "The country has a right to know whether the President stands behind Anderson's decision.

We believe Anderson's step demonstrates his unfitness for office. It climaxes a long series of incidents in which Anderson has acted as mouthpiece for profiteers. The CIO Cost of Living Committee vigorously supports Price Aministrator Porter in his battle against Anderson. With milk and dairy products uncontrolled, the last semblance of price stabilization is now being destroyed by the Secretary of Agriculture."

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Time to Prepare

It is a truism that the character of our public officials is, at all times, a reflection of the character of the people who elect them.

If John W. Bricker, Homer A. Ramey, Raymond Hildebrand, Virgil Cramer and their ilk are the kind of men which many have claimed them to be, then it becomes our duty to examine our own inner workings before placing all the blame on the stuffed shirts, deceivers, double-crossers and reactionary politicians who are now insisting that we vote for them.

Elections are won and lost not merely because people do not vote for the right candidates, but, as so often occurs, because thousands of workers and plain people do not vote at all.

These are the people who win and lose elections. When they vote, the right people are elected. When they fail to vote we get a conglomeration of stupid reactionaries such as makes up the 79th Congress.

These are the people whom the politicians love and fear. When they stay away from the ballot boxes, the reactionaries and their political stooges love them. When they vote, they frequently upset the political apple cart by electing people to office who are really in sympathy with the workers and plain people.

With only 52 days until the November election, it becomes evident that it is to the people who do not vote, or who have lost their right to vote by failure to exercise their franchise that we must address ourselves. They are the balance of votes needed to win or lose crucial elections.

Now is the time to prepare for November 5 by concentrating our efforts upon those who have failed to vote and who probably will not vote in the fall election if we fail to acquaint them with the issues and awaken them to a very real sense of danger.

Now is the time for the workers to prepare to give back a forthright answer to those who have held places in Congress and our state legislature and done the bidding of the corporations.

For success in November we must have thousands of voters qualified and ready and anxious to vote for those who are pledged to work and vote for social legislation which will advance the best interests of all the people. This can only be obtained by ringing doorbells, calling upon our friends and relatives and bending every effort to get out the vote.

Every member of CIO should now become a politician in the better meaning of the word. Each should make it a point to get as many people to register and vote as possible. Each should call on his neighbors and tell them the importance of registering and voting.

There still remain four days on which to register. Register yourself, if you are not already qualified. Get your friends, your fellow workers, your neighbors and your relatives to do likewise. If we begin to prepare now, we can win in November.

A College For Camels

From the St. Louis Post-Dispatch

The cigarette aristocracy is buying educational monuments again. Trinity College changed its name to Duke University 22 years ago for a whopping share in Lucky Strike profits. Not to be outdone, the Reynoldses have now persuaded Wake Forest College to move to Winstom-Salem in return for a chunk of Camel money. (Where does that leave Chesterfield?)

Some said of the Duke deal that it took a rather special kind of brass to substitute one's own name for that of the Holy Trinity. It will, no doubt, be said that Wake Forest's fine 112-year-old dignity will fade into the widening collegiate commercialism. It may be. There is, however, a more telling criticism.

Both these endowments are monuments to human exploitation. The cigarette industry has taken full advantage of the fact that its labor supply comes from some of the hardest-pressed people of America—from the poor of the mountains and Piedmont of North Carolina The industry pays large profits but meager wages.

The question is whether the Dukes and Reynoldses would not build finer monuments by giving their workers a better break.

We can thoroughly sympathize with what happened to Almon M. Frankel, of Brooklyn, N. Y., who took off in a plane from LaGuardia Airport in New York thinking he was bound for Amsterdam, Holland, and after a quick nap woke up to find himself landing among the palm trees of San Juan, Puerto Rico. His bewilderment matches the dizzy ride that the nation's workers had under the wartime wage ceilings only to find themselves on a sky-high tour with soaring prices.

What's New?

By Edward Duck
Representative
2-B
UAW-CIO

There's no denying it, the war has weakened the union. We were going places five years ago, and nothing less than a world war could have stopped us. It came. It did.

Our standard of living was the highest ever achieved by any people anywhere in the history of the world. We were eating more and better food. We were buying new homes, cars, and electric appliances, and we had good clothes.

People didn't worry too much about prices because the wage increases we had obtained through union contracts enabled us to purchase most of what we thought we needed. We knew we weren't rich, but we did have money to take a week-end trip to the lake once in awhile or attend a college football game when we felt like going.

Came the war and the skids were greased. We slid. We're still skidding, only now we're on a tobaggan. Where we'll stop no one knows. Another depression, maybe. Could be!

Everyone's conscious of the fact that the working people are taking a royal beating. Food prices have doubled and in many cases tripled. The packinghouse people tell us there's no meat. We know there's a reason for the shortages in the things people need most.

We know we are being victimized by those in control. And we know that it is being done with the full consent of our elected government representatives and their friends whom they appoint to carry out the dirty work.

WAILING

Still no one does anything to halt the banditry and sit-down strikes of the organized industrial monopolists. We are a babble of tongues, voicing resentment in mixed tones of confused wailing.

What the union needs most, and has neglected most, is a sound, organized, and well directed educational program. No one need deny it. Organization of the laboring people is nothing more than the first step. What do we do, organize them and let it go at that? Does the fact that someone pays dues and becomes bound by a contract with his employer mean that our problem is solved?

Organized labor has not organized the great bulk of the working people as yet, and still worse it has not really organized those who are said to belong to the union. That job is before us. The AFL is not alone in holding "card carriers." The chief sport of CIO members in Toledo and elsewhere is congregating in beer taverns and on street corners, or anywhere people get together and talk, and telling each other everything that's wrong with the union, with their committeemen in particular, and with the guys at the above all.

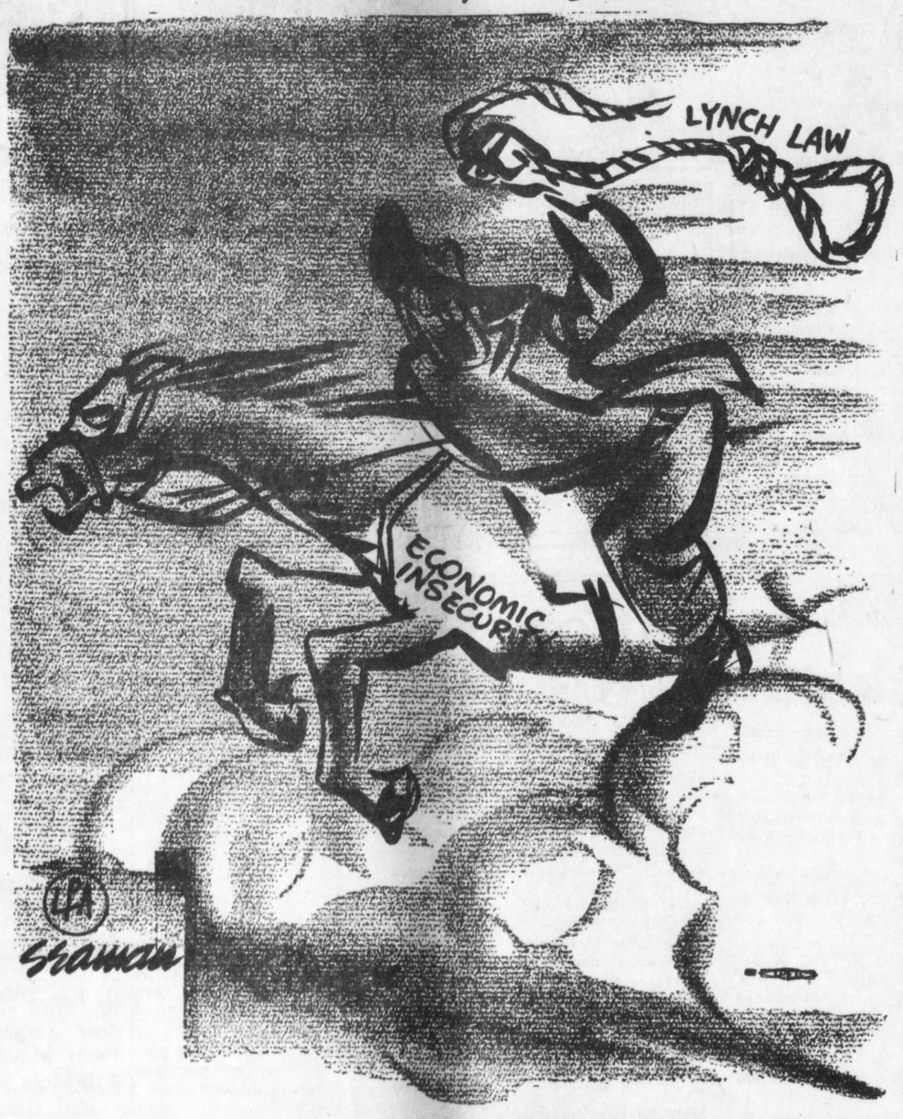
How often has your committeeman or steward approached you and reminded you that you should register to vote, so that you can elect people who will put an end to the Quislings who manage to get themselves elected to important offices year after year?

How often has he complained about the grocer charging 59 cents for a pound of coffee or 79 cents for a pound of butter? How often has he reminded you that your wages, even after the 18½ cent raise, will not enable you to support your family decently, feed and clothe your children, and purchase the things any human being is entitled to under modern economic society?

The committeeman who takes an interest in protecting your out-plant interests is a rare creature today. It should be his job to mobilize the pressure of those under his care, and to work for a unified, concentrated attack on the forces which are fighting the workingman with politics, propaganda, and sheer economic strength. Settlement of grievances is but one phase of his work.

Education is the answer to everything. Currently, a poodle dog is trying to pull the sleigh-load. The field lies before us, and unless we engage in publicity, propaganda, classes, discussion groups, public appearances and other outlets of union education, we are destined for the economic scrapheap. Now is the time for something to be done, not after we have returned to the Hoover depression era.

"Let's Go, Boys!"



It's News To Me . . .

By O. J. Pecord

Note: This is the third and final in a series of articles on the nursing profession. Other articles dealing with the hospitals and medical profession will follow in early issues.

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In the light of the sacrifices, which the nursing profession has been called upon to make in the name of charity, suffering humanity and other ideals, to say nothing of the injustice and inequalities whichhave been visited upon it, it would be strange indeed if nurses did not desire some type of organization to protect them and advance their interests.

That nurses want some strong and effective organization is beyond doubt, but the minute the movement begins to take shape, the hospitals will immediately raise such a hue and cry that even the hard-hearted will be touched and wonder if the nurses have become tainted with some foreign, radical thinking.

The very moment that the hospitals discover that some "agitator" is trying to organize the nurses, they will begin to cry to the high heavens about the amount of "charity" work they do, their "free" cases, their dependency upon the "charity" of rich benefactors, and of course, the terrific expenses connected with running a hospital.

CHEST THUMPING

Nor will the hospitals be content merely to jerk tears with their tales of poverty and charity. They will point with pride to the hundreds or thousands of fine, upstanding, outstanding, idealistic nurses whom they have trained, in order, they say, to serve the needs of the sick, the lame, the halt and the blind.

They will show what it costs to educate a nurse, to feed and house her, to give her the best instruction and instructors. And all of this they will say is for the public good and welfare.

If that doesn't do the trick and convince you that the nurses are a bunch of ingrates for desiring organization, they will complain about the high cost of running a hospital, the people who walk out on them and never pay, the money they have lost on bad accounts dating back to the beginning of the institution and an estimate of what they are going to be cheated out of for 10 years in the future.

Nor will the hospitals efforts to defeat organization of the nurses end there. They will recruit their stooges, doctors, nurses and laymen and send them out before the Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions, Exchange and other civic clubs to paint a horrible picture of the union nurse shaving a patient's belly before an operation and walking off the job leaving the unfinished belly for the next shift just because the quitting whistle blew.

HOSPITAL CARE

But while the organization of nurses is still largely in the conversational stage, hospital care is something that is deteriorating so rapidly that the hospitals, the public, medical profession and other concerned parties are becoming alarmed.

The situation has become so bad in some localities that it has been necessary to close wings of hospitals. Nurses are taking care of more patients than they can handle. Criticism against the hospitals is mounting and the sick and injured are being neglected.

Despite all these things, the American Hospital Association is as great a foe of the Murray-Wagner-Dingell bill to provide low cost medical and hospital care to the workers and their dependents as the reactionary American Medical Association.

Despite the growing seriousness of the problem of adequate nursing care in hospitals, the resistance to increased wages for nurses on the part of the hospitals is still strong and unwavering.

Sooner or later, and it may be sooner than we believe, the nursing profession will organize and demand justice through collective bargaining. That day cannot be far away, for even now the hospitals are facing a problem which cannot and will not be solved by resisting plans for low cost medical care or for denying highly trained and competent nurses the right to an organization of their own,choosing and the right to bargain collectively.

If the American Hospital Association was not controlled by the same type of reactionaries who control the American Hospital Association, it would realize that low cost medical care on an actuarial basis could not only be the salvation of the hospitals, but become the means of paying nurses what they are worth without making them hard working slaves on the plea that this is the way it always has been and this is the way it must remain.

This man Robert Wason, president of the Nat'l Association of Manufacturers, is always good for a laugh. The poobah of the plutocrats drew himself up last week and announced to the tremulous daily press that organized labor had formed a "super-government" in this country. It's a very serious charge and we have the right to demand from Philip Murray and William Green an explanation of what happened to our "super-government" when some interloping government wrecked the OPA, the 65c minimum wage bill, the Wagner-Ellender-Taft housing bill, the social security bill and a half-dozen other pieces of labor-supported legislation.

They Still Stand

By RUTH TAYLOR

"In vain we call old notions fudge
And bend our conscience to our dealing,
The Ten Commandments will not budget
And stealing will continue stealing."
James Russell Lowell

No matter how we may hedge and beat around the bush on all sorts of current questions, there is one fact we all do know—and one issue we can't dodge—we knew when we take something that isn't ours—it is stealing—whether it is done by an individual, a group or a nation.

We can't alibi theft by saying the person it was stolen from also stole. There is no alibi in that in our system of jurisprudence" No man or nation has a right to take the law into his own hands." As individuals and as groups we have struggled towards that ideal for centuries. Lincoln expressed it in his great line: "No man is good enough to govern another man without that other's consent."

YARDSTICK

Some of the modern theorists try to rationalize away the creeds by which we were brought up but no one has ever yet succeeded in wiping out the Ten Commandments—and they still make the best yardstick for individual or community life.

There is no problem of statecraft today that cannot be held up to them for judgment. We can make our own decision on the rights and wrongs of any case without recourse to any outsider.

The apologists who try to explain away acts of aggression or tyranny, under the guise of economic necessity, strategic security, or fear of encirclement, are begging the issue. Their explanations that the aggressors have reasons for fears are shown in their proper light when held up against the yardstick of the Ten Commandments. The answer to the question of what is right is plain and not subject to compromise.

We, as a nation and as individuals, must take our stand on principle and abide by our principles. We must not be swayed by personality or prejudice, but by a clear sense of what is right and what is wrong. As a yardstick by which to measure, The Ten Commandments still stand preeminent.

Announcement by the Price Decontrol that meats will not be put back under control hit the headlines the same day that zoo keepers throughout the country said they could not import new animals for their menageries because "prices have gone sky high." That gets us coming and going. We put away our rifles because we couldn't deprive the kids of the giraffes they love, and besides we don't know whether they would like hippopotamus steak.

Washington Labor Report

by Bradford V. Carter

How much savings do the American people have — and what are they going to do with those savings — were the two basic questions about the health of the post-war economy to which the Federal Reserve Board in Washington set out to find the answers.

Obviously there wasn't enough time or enough money or enough people to ask these questions of every family in the United States so the Board requested the Agriculture Dept. to ask these questions of a scientifically selected sample of the American people. The sample was chosen in a fashion to reflect the geographical, economic and other important characteristics of the total population in much the same way that the Gallup poll samples are made up — if anything perhaps more significant results are yielded by the Agriculture Dept. polling techniques than by Gallup's.

The poll was conducted on the basis of what the economists called "spending units." A spending unit was defined as "all persons living in the major expenses."

The results of the survey are extremely interesting; at several points in fact, much more interesting than the official summary of the survey was willing to admit. For example, the official summary makes nothing of the data in one of its statistical tables that the annual income in 1945 of 47% of American families is under $2000. A family income of less than $2000 a year is below what all authorities would regard as what it takes to provide a minimum decent standard of living.

IMPROVEMENT

The full employment situation generated by war requirements has improved this situation somewhat over previous periods. In 1935-36, 53% of the families had annual incomes of less than $1000 and in 1941 35% had incomes of less than $1000. But it is important to remember that much of this improvement on paper is cancelled out by the increases in the cost of living in that period. In other words, the real income of a family which earned $1000 in 1935 and raised it to $2000 in 1945 was optimistically about $1500.

The interesting fact which the survey does point up is that the bulk of the liquid assets — that is, bonds, savings and checking accounts which can easily be converted into cash — is still in the hands of a relatively small proportion of the American people. To be exact, 46% of these liquid assets are in the hands of 15% of the American families whose income is more than $4000 a year — moreover, the families with annual incomes of $7500 and over in this group, and they constitute 3% of American families, own 23% of the total liquid assets.

ANOTHER ANGLE

There is another angle on this liquid assets proposition which has considerable bearing on just how much resources the American people have to weather another depression. The average American family has about one-fifth of its annual income in the form of liquid assets which it could conceivable convert into cash if the income itself stopped coming in. Another way of putting it is to say that this family has about a ten-week reserve fund. But hold on, that isn't the whole story. The families whose incomes are less than $1000 have enough to last them out for about a week and a half if their income should cease. Those with incomes between $1000 and $2000 have something like eight weeks of grace. What this adds up to then is that when a major depression hits us and the regular incomes of large masses of families stop there aren't enough reserves for most people to weather them through the worst part of the slump — that is if the next slump is anything like previous ones.

These facts uncovered by the government agencies lend themselves to many conclusions. But two which should stand out particularly are that a large segment of the population still doesn't have enough money to afford the well-known American standard of living and that contrary to the official whistlers-in-the-dark the typical family in the U. S. doesn't have enough saved to see it thru the next depression.

What are you worth as a worker? According to Dr. Paul Mohn, counsellor of the Swedish Foreign Office, every adult industrial worker in Sweden represents $5000 of "accumulated capital." It would be interesting to know what Sevell Avery and Tom Girdler think dirt is worth. Because apparently that's how they value American labor.

Regional Views

By Richard Gosser

Director Region 2B, UAW-CIO

By its unanimous vote of opposition to the payroll tax plan of raising funds for municipal government, the Ohio CIO convention which met in Akron last week put the stamp of approval upon the fight which CIO made here early this year against this unfair and inequitable form of taxation.

Contrary to the opinion of a slightly biased local newspaper writer, the opposition of the Ohio CIO to payroll taxes is not an expression of local sour grapes because of the outcome of the referendum on the issue here last April. It is an honest expression of opposition voiced not only by local CIO leaders, but the opposition of clear thinking workers from all sections of the state.

I do not have the slightest hesitation in still saying that although the Toledo payroll tax is now an accomplished fact, I am still opposed to it in principle. The fact that the law exists is no proof that it is a fair and just form of taxation. It is merely a sign that the people of Toledo were sold a bill of goods and were willing to actually vote an unjust levy on their incomes in the hope that the financial condition of their city would be improved.

TO AID OTHERS

Not only are we opposed to the payroll tax in principle, but we are so convinced of its injustice that we have offered the experience which we gained here in the tax fight to aid the workers of other cities in Ohio and elsewhere in combatting this easy way of raising tax money by taking it out of the hides of the workers.

CIO is alert to the dangers in such taxation. It knows of the fight which marked the victory for the real estate and other forces in this city who favored the payroll tax. It watched with interest while the leading figures in the tax fight refused to discuss the issue on its merits, but "fought demagogy with demagogy."

Forewarned is forearmed and the CIO unions throughout Ohio recognized that the victory of the payroll tax advocates was the first in a series of attacks upon the workers pocketbooks which are now in process of being repeated in Akron, Springfield, Columbus and other cities in Ohio, as well as Milwaukee and other cities out of the state.

OFFENSE AND DEFENSE

In taking the action it did in Akron and condemning the payroll tax and acting to prevent the spread of this unfair form of taxation, the delegates to the CIO convention took the offensive.

We here in Toledo were on the defensive when the income-payroll tax was put over on us. Perhaps we were too confident and trusting in the judgment of the voters, but whatever the reasons for the victory of the tax here, we are going to do our best to prevent this form of taxation from being enacted anywhere else in Ohio. Maybe we can't change our situation, but we can aid others from experienceing a similar one.

From The Desk

of

Melvin Schultz

President,

Local 12, UAW-CIO

The 4th Special Session of the Ohio State Legislature has ended. Meager credit should be given to them for raising the ceiling of benefits to the Old Age Pensioners from $40.00 to $50.00 per month. It does not come within the scope of my imagination to know how any of the aged people, who must exist on this pension, can get by at present day prices.

Certainly, the aged person who could get help from some kind neighbors or thoughtful relatives can probably get by, but those individuals who have no one whatsoever to rely upon are still in for a very sorry time.

The Legislature did pass an amendment allowing up to $200.00 per year for medical care; however, this does not apply for sickness in the home and, therefore, in many cases will be of no assistance whatever.

The limited scope of the Old Age Pension Legislation and the very limited amendments which our Legislature has allowed should not be forgotten in the November elections. It takes liberal people to pass legislation for the benefit of society.

Another Act which can be credited to Legislature was the passage of a $6,000,000.00 appropriation for Veterans' Emergency Housing.

I would like to quote the CIO veterans program herein. The program is as follows:

1. Hospitalization, medical care and rehabilitation to meet the full needs of all handicapped and disabled veterans.
2. Full employment for all veterans regardless of race, color, creed and nationality.
3. Development and expansion of effective On-The-Job and Apprenticeship Training Programs.
4. A liberalized Unemployment Compensation Law and administration to insure veterans the full benefits to which they are entitled.
5. Enactment of a state Veterans' Home and Farm Purchase Act and enabling legislation which would again permit federal low-cost housing in Ohio.
6. Immediate expansion of facilities and programs to provide full educational opportunities for all veterans.
7. Recodification of the Ohio Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief Act to provide complete social an deconomic rehabilitation for veterans.
8. Establishment of a representative State Department of Veterans' Affairs.
9. Enactment of aequate state bonus legislation.
10. Establishment of a Veterans' Committee in each Local Union and Industrial Union Council.

"THE SEARCHING WIND" GREAT FILM

Hal Wallis Production Is Tops In Every Department

By Burny Zawodny

The author-producer combination of Lillian Hellman and Hal Wallis, who, a few seasons ago, teamed up to turn out the Academy Award winning "Watch on the Rhine," have again merged their praise-worthy talents in Paramount's picturization of Miss Hellman's smash stage hit, "The Searching Wind." The film, starring Robert Young, Sylvia Sidney and Ann Richards, and introducing Douglas Dick to the screen, which is now showing at the Paramount Theatre.

Burny Zawodny

Wallis is a specialist in his trade; he produces nothing but hits. And, since Miss Hellman holds a like position in her writing profession, "The Searching Wind" rightfully takes its place alongside such distinguished Wallis pictures as "Saratoga Trunk," "Love Letters," "Casablanca" and the aforementioned award winner.

"The Searching Wind" tells the story of a turbulent love affair set against the background of modern political intrigue. The action moves from Washington to Rome, to Paris, to Berlin and back to our nation's capital, as American diplomat Robert Young, in love with newspaperwoman Sylvia Sidney and married to her socialite friend, Ann Richards, is unable to straighten out either the affairs of state or the affairs of his heart.

The cast is splendid, each individual performer contributing a sharply etched portrayal of the character portrayed. The supporting cast is headed by Dulley Digges in the role he created on Broadway, Albert Basserman, who is excellent as an old European diplomat, and Dougles Dick as Young and Miss Richards' soldier son.

Effective direction by William Dieterle is highly contributory to making "The Searching Wind" the splendid attraction it is.

Peek-A-Boo!

M-G-M Studio associates are so impressed by Audrey Totter's rapid rise in films, that they have taken to calling her "The Whiz Kid." Latest flicker feather in her cap is a role in "Holiday In Mexico."

Costs Run High In Pre-War Movie Set

HOLLYWOOD — The most elaborate and costly set constructed in Hollywood since the lifting of wartime restrictions has been built on Stage One at Columbia Studios for the Dick Powell-Evelyn Keyes starrer, "Johnny O'Clock."

Filling the largest stage on the lot, the lavish layout consists of a complete 14-room gambling casino furnished with more than $50,000 worth of actual gambling equipment.

In addition to the main casino room, featured by a three-ton chandelier, there is a completely equipped restaurant kitchen, an alley-way, a large office, two cashiers' offices, a side room for storage of gaming equipment, and the necessary connecting doors, some of which are the steel "ice-box" type used to prevent police from breaking in.

Movie Newcomer Is Cinderella Girl

HOLLYWOOD—A Cinderella story came true over the weekend when 23-year-old Dorothy Hart was signed to a starring contract by Columbia Pictures and was cast as Randolph Scott's feminine lead in "Twin Sombreros."

Miss Hart, who has never appeared on the screen, was chosen for the role after a test of her was screened by Scott, Producer Harry Joe Brown and Director George Waggner. Brown described her as "the most beautiful actress in Hollywood today."

Seen On A Hollywood Movie Set

HOLLYWOOD — "Top Secret" doesn't only apply to the atom bomb when Dean Stockwell engages in such an unmanly act as dancing—and with a girl, too!

Cast and crew are sworn to secrecy when Dean does a scene in Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's "The Arnelo Affair" in which he and beautiful Frances Gifford, who plays his mother, do an old-fashioned waltz, then break into a jitterbug routine. Although carefully rehearsed on the scene for several days, Dean is noticeably reluctant to begin work until his older brother is banished from the set.

Finally, Frances takes the red-faced Dean in her arms and they begin their waltz. Dean completes the scene with surprising grace and manages even the fast swing step with an ease that denotes hidden talent. The scene over, however, he turns his small, grim face towards his grinning audience, clenches his small fists and grits through set teeth:

"If anybody dares tell Butch Jenkins about this - - - !"

Parrot Jealous Of Durante's Proboscis

HOLLYWOOD—Jimmy Durante is giving his pet expression, "Am I mortified!" a workout these days.

The Schnozzola was asked to pose for a photograph with a parrot on the set of "It Happened in Brooklyn" at Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer. This was fine with Durante, but, when the bird was perched on Jimmy's shoulder, it glared at the comedian and promptly pecked him on his justly famous proboscis.

"Wuz I humiliated!" exclaimed Durante. "Wid a beak like his, dat talkin' woodpecker is jealous of me!"

Lassie and Elizabeth Taylor Score In "Courage Of Lassie" In Technicolor

A collie almost runs away with the honors in "Courage of Lassie," the photographically stunning and dramatically moving Technicolor picture brought to the Valentine screen by M-G-M, with Elizabeth Taylor, Frank Morgan and Tom Drake as the human members of the cast, and Lassie as the dog star whose intelligence and acting perception are almost unbelievable.

Here is a picture which unashamedly and in glowing pictorial terms reaffirms the declaration that the dog is man's best friend. Reuniting the appealing Miss Taylor and Lassie of tells a tender and often gripping "Lassie Come Home" fame, it story of the devotion of the youngest member of a sheep-raising family for a stray collie pup. In the face of repeated discouragement, and with the help of Frank Morgan, playing a kindly neighbor, Miss Taylor trains the collie, called "Bill," to be a discerning and obedient sheepdog.

It is the period of the war, and "Bill's" training makes itself manifest when he is subsequently "inducted" at an Army Dog Training Center, and after basic instruction from Sergeant Tom Drake, is sent to do messenger work in the midst of the thickest fighting on Attu. Here, after being cited for bravery in combat, "Bill" becomes a victim of battle fatigue and goes berserk under the strain. Returned home, he becomes a vicious killer of sheep and is finally caught and condemned to die. His fate is decided at a court-room trial as dramatic as any ever held for a human criminal.

Lassie is without doubt the most remarkable dog star to appear on the screen in recent years and his every action before the camera holds one fascinated. To turn to the human members of the cast—Miss Taylor is delightful as the picture's young heroine; Morgan offers one of his rare serious portrayals as the understanding rancher; and Tom Drake gives that straightforward sincerity to the role of the young sergeant that has marked him as one of the leading contenders for stardom at M-G-M.

IT'S TRUE!*
By Wiley Padan
*REG. U. S. PAT. OFF.
ELIZABETH TAYLOR
GIVES A SPLENDID PERFORMANCE in "COURAGE of LASSIE"
MGM's NEW LASSIE ADVENTURE in TECHNICOLOR!
(REMEMBER ELIZABETH in "NATIONAL VELVET"?)
LASSIE
WHO BECAME THE WORLD'S MOST FAMOUS COLLIE in "LASSIE COME HOME" and "SON OF LASSIE", WAS ORIGINALLY PURCHASED AS AN UNTRAINED DOG FOR ONLY TEN DOLLARS!
Frank MORGAN
WHO HAS BEEN ON THE STAGE and SCREEN FOR 30 YEARS, PLAYS ONE OF HIS MOST DRAMATIC ROLES IN MGM's "COURAGE of LASSIE"!
Tom DRAKE
WRITES SONGS, BOTH MUSIC and LYRICS IN HIS SPARE TIME!
WILEY PADAN

IT'S TRUE! that Morris Ankrum was welcome in Tacoma, Washington, while on his way to Lake Chelan for a featured role in MGM's "Courage of Lassie."

In 1930-31 Ankrum directed the Tacoma Little Theatre, and his room-mate and leading man was Harry Cain, now mayor of Tacoma and one of the Northwest's most important political figures.

"Courage of Lassie" is now showing at Loew's.

News and Gossip of Stage and Screen

Huddle Before The Hunt

Wallace Beery and daughter Carol Ann hold a brief consultation with their hunting dogs before taking up the chase. Now completing her junior year in high school, Carol intends to follow in her Dad's footsteps on graduation. Wally is now busy making "The Mighty McGurk" for M-G-M.

Hope Is Comic By Circumstance

HOLLYWOOD — "Nobody in his right mind consciously decides to be a comedian," says Bob Hope. "He usually falls into it by accident. And if he has any measure of sanity, well... he won't be a comedian long!"

Hope points to himself as a prime example. Like many other top laugh-getters, Bob became a comic through circumstances rather than design.

Dancer First

When the latter-day pride of Cleveland decided to try the stage he did so as a dancer. Hope teamed with another lad from Cleveland, George Gyrne, in a dance act that filled a vaudeville bill headlined by Fatty Arbuckle. During his early vaudeville days Bob apparently tried everything to avoid comedy. Besides dancing, he sang and doubled on the alto saxophone.

One night in Newcastle, the manager asked Bob to announce an act booked for the following week — and to his surprise the audience roared. He had found his niche. From then on he was a comedian and master-of-ceremonies.

Few remember that Hope began as a dancer, but he reminded Director George Marshall when the latter asked Bob if he needed rehearsals for the minuet he dances in Paramount's "Monsieur Beaucaire."

Betty Tops Also

Just as Hope's box-office rating makes him top male comic, Betty Hutton takes honors among comediennes. Betty's explosive style was also acquired accidentally. She had been given a try-out with the Vincent Lopez orchestra but wasn't making the grade. Finally Lopez said he had to let her go. Betty was burned up. She loosed her emotions during that night's first solo, stamping, shouting, mauling the microphone and waving her arms in the air. The audience went wild.

Lopez kept Betty on as vocalist — and gave her a raise. Paramount starred her in a short subject — and overnight she became a national favorite.

Abbott and Costello got into comedy by accident — and met the same way. Costella had given up his career as a movie stunt man and was working his was east as a burlesque comic. One night his partner took ill, so he borrowed Abbott from the theatre box-office to feed him his lines. Thus the team was born.

Jack Benny was originally a violinist, Cass Daley a singer and Jimmy Durante a pianist.

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Co-Operatives Warn Nation Of Boom-Bust

Congress To Welcome Many New Organizations

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Sept. 9 (LPA)—Cooperatives were urged to place their own financial houses in order against the "great American bust which is sure to follow the great American boom" in a report presented to the opening session of the National Cooperative Congress meeting here this week.

Monopoly finance is a great danger to the American economy, and "We must develop cooperative finance much faster," general secretary E. R. Bowen of the Cooperative League of USA said in his report on 1946 developments.

"Pointing out that "cooperative finance development lags behind cooperative education and cooperative business in the U. S.," he urged members of the co-ops to "invest our savings in the common shares of cooperatives until they are fully member-owned. We should loan our additional savings to cooperatives in order to expand their production and distribution facilities and inventories."

He urged building of credit unions and finance associations, investment of savings in co-op insurance companies and co-op banks, and pooling of daily current balances which cooperators and cooperatives have on deposit in private banks.

The Congress is expected to welcome into its ranks representatives from cooperative medical care organizations, thru the Cooperative Health Federation of America, as well as housing co-ops thru the Natl. Cooperative-Mutual Housing Association, and students' co-ops thru the North American Student Cooperative League.

ANG Closes Hearst Paper

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 9 — (LPA) — The CIO American Newspaper Guild's first test of its demand for a $100 weekly minimum wage resulted in a strike of more than 500 employes of the Los Angeles Herald-Express last week and the shutting down of the paper by the Hearst management.

The Guild asked for a $100 minimum for experienced editorial and circulation employes and a 40 per cent hike for other classifications. The management refused to go higher than a 10 per cent weekly increase or $5 weekly, which ever was greater, Guild leaders, rejecting this, pointed out that the offer would give reporters a minimum of only $77 and circulation men $63. More than 300 AFL printers, pressmen and other mechanical employes were also made idle by the shutdown.

Mead Proposes Deeper Probe

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9 (LPA)—Investigations of profiteering in World War II have just scratched the surface, Senator James Mead (D., N. Y.) said last week. He called upon the next Congress to authorize a complete inquiry into every basic war industry.

"We want to determine whether the renegotiations and contract termination procedures permitted the enrichment of people or corporations as a result of war profiteering," he asserted.

Specifically, the head of the current War Profits Investigating Committee listed as possible subjects of investigation the steel, shipbuilding, automotive and aircraft industries, and even government agencies which had abundant powers to make loans, give outright grants, issue contracts, and now to sell surplus facilities.

Mead also revealed last week that 38 American soldiers were killed and 127 were wounded by defective shells of the type made by the Garrson brothers' network of war companies. He said that public hearings probably will be held during September to try to ascertain which companies manufactured the defective ammunition. Further hearings on the Garrson profiteering exploits will be held if Rep. Andrew J. May (D., Ky.) "recovers" sufficiently from illness to present himself for questioning about his relations with the Garrsons.

New Party Schedules Meeting

NEW YORK, Sept. 3, (LPA) —In a widely circulated letter, the National Education Committee for a New Party has announced a national conference to be held in December of this year.

The Committee declared that "the time is past ripe in America for a modern political party organized to meet the challenge of our modern age." It declared that a "new party must go beyond the old 'New Deal'", that "the giant monopolies and other key industries must be controlled not by the few for the benefit of absentee owners, but by the many for the benefit of the entire community."

The committee was formed in the spring of 1946 at a meeting in Chicago called by men and women active in labor, farmer, civic, professional and educational groups. It says that it is not a new political party but that it is "a body formed with the view of carrying on an educational campaign for a new political alignment."

Temporary officers are John Dewey, Honorary Chairman, A. Philip Randolph, Temporary Chairman, C. J. McLanaha, Temporary Secretary, and Pearl Willen, Temporary Treasurer.

Hawaii Sugar Workers Strike

SAN FRANCISCO (Sept. 9 — (LPA) — In a strike unprecedented in the history of Hawaii, 25,000 workers on 33 sugar plantations on four islands last week went on strike when negotiations between the International Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union-CIO and the plantation owners bogged down.

The striek is 100 per cent effective in an area which was once claimed as the almost feudal domain of the "five companies" who own the sugar plantations. Sugar is the main product of the islands.

The unions are asking for an 18½c wage raise, across the board, but there is no indication that the plantation owners will agree. Earlier, the union had presented a set of demands including a 65c hourly minimum wage, a 40-hour week, union shop, and joint administration of the company-furnished housing, fuel and medical care.

In a unique feature of the strike, the union is allowing utilities workers in the plantation villages to remain at work although they are members of the union but their wages are turned over to the strike fund.

Bust Warnings Are Sent Out

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3 (LPA)—A bright red "danger" signal was flashed last week when the Commerce Department reported that in July manufacturers' inventories rose more sharply than during any other month on record, to an all-time high total of $18 billion.

The high inventories were seen as the first sign of the 'bust' that may follow the present inflation, at least by some financial and industrial experts. Following the government announcement, stock prices broke sharply, and lost more heavily than at any time since the middle of May, 1940, when Hitler's armies were swarming across France and the lowlands.

"Current inventory changes are significant," the Commerce Department indicated, "since they may give a clue to a slowing in consumer buying or may indicate an inflationary boom reminiscent of the last war."

OPA Gives Tenants A Real Tip

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11 — (LPA)—If your landlord, when he collects the next month's rent, comes to your door with a smile and a friendly word, look to see whether he has in his hand a petition. The landlords are trying a new line on you.

The petition will ask the government — specifically OPA — to allow your landlord a 15 per cent increase as a reasonable sum which he deserves and which you'll be willing to pay.

This petition — begging drive is only a minor part, though, of the grand strategy of the real estate lobby here to get their cut of the postwar profits.

In a pep-rally for presidents of more than 200 local real estate boards, held here last week, they were told that government bureaucrats and planners think that "the U. S. is flat broke and everybody is poor. The average income of people in 1946 is just not comparable to the figures of 1940."

In the meeting, run by the National Association of Real Estate Boards, the realtors were presented with sets of high-powered, carefully selected figures which went to show, it was asserted, that there should be increases of $10 to $12 a month on dwellings that in 1940 rented for $50. Fancy figures were also produced to show that worker's incomes had risen so that the "typical worker we are expected to feel sorry for" can now pay $75 a month rent. Skimmed over rapidly were charts showing how the purchasing power of the dollar had gone down in terms of the food market basket, clothing values, and house furnishings.

The chart that left the real estate men with mouths watering, though, was one showing the kind of profits taken in last year even under the "hold the line" program by such giant corporations as General Motors, Standard Brands (foods, U. S. Steel, and Warner Bros. (movies).

Why didn't we get a 26 per cent profite after taxes, was the question planted in the minds of the delegates. If these boys can do this well under OPA controls, why can't we get a bigger share of our tenants' incomes?

Especially irksome to the real estate big-wigs, who have tried every pressure technique to batter down OPA's rent controls, was the blunt statement last week by OPA administrator Paul Porter in a nationwide radio report to the people, that "In one large segment of your cost of living — your residential rents make up 17 per cent of the average middle income family's budget — no general increases will be made. And, as far as we can see, none will be necessary in the future."

The real estate men are countering with a power drive to get all wartime controls lifted by vote of Congress on March 31, 1947, and to try in the meantime to get an across the board 15 per cent rent boost for "relief."

Labor Men Named By Bureau

WASHINGTON (LPA)—Seven regional Labor-Management Advisory Committees, composed of representatives of the CIO, AFL, U. S. Chamber of Commerce and Natl. Association of Manufacturers, were announced last week by the U. S. Conciliation Service. Each of representatives, on the model of the Natl. Labor-Management the organizations will have two Advisory Committee.

As their first assignment Warren requested each of the regional committees to begin immediately the work of qualifying a panel of impartial arbitrators from which he can pick men when called upon to name an arbitrator in a labor dispute."

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The Same Fight

CIO Seeks Out Excess Goods

WASHINGTON (LPA) — An appeal to all CIO members to report excess inventories of consumer goods was telegraphed to international unions by the CIO Cost of Living Committee last week.

"The hoarding of consumer goods by the greedy profiteers is a major factor forcing price increases. If all of the goods being made in America's factories were released in the consumer market there would be fewer shortages, less pressure for price increases and less of a hazard of a coming depression," said John Thornton, Cost of Living Committee Chairman.

Because government statistics show a tremendous increase in goods held in inventory by wholesalers and manufactures, the CIO is asking for the information. The CIO wil then take steps, it announced, to secure the release of these goods to the consumer market as soon as possible.

Canco Is Charged

SAN FRANCISCO (LPA) — The nation's two largest can manufacturers were charged with violations of the anti-trust laws in two civil suits filed by the Justice Dept. in the Federal Court here last week.

Naming the American Can Co. and Continental Can Co., the suits charged that the anti-monopoly laws were violated "thru the execution of contracts which restrain and monopolize interstate trade and commerce in metal and fibre containers used in canning and packaging."

Phone Union Hits Record

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9 — (LPA) — The independent Nat'l Federation of Telephone Workers, which may decide on either CIO or AFL affiliation in the next year, registered a 25% increase in membership during the last 12 months bringing the NFTW's total dues paying members to more than 215,000.

Between 295,000 and 300,000 workers in the telephone industry are now covered by NFTW contracts, the union's Research & Statistics Dept. estimated. The most significant gains occurred in the Southwestern Telephone Workers Union, the Southern Federation of Telephone Workers and the Association of Communication Equipment Workers. These three affiliates alone accounted for more than 20,000 new members during the past year.

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Catholics Opposed To Handouts

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Sept. 3 (LPA) — Msgr. John O'Grady, Secretary of the National Conference of Catholic Charities, this week threw the full weight of the Catholic welfare agencies in the United States behind a "straight Federal works program as opposed to a program of grant-in-aid to the States for general relief."

In voicing his support for a works program as against one based on charity, Msgr. O'Grady urged the extension and improvement of the government's old-age and survivors' insurance programs.

The Catholic Charities head spoke to 800 delegates at the annual conference of Catholic Charities. He charged that, "We are facing a struggle with those who would rob us of the gains we have made in old-age assistance and aid to dependent children in order to set up a general public assistance program." He said that a program proposed by the House Ways and Means Committee to provide for moderate tax increases for the present old-age and survivors insurance program had been blocked by the Rules Committee of the House.

In his address to the delegates meeting at St. Mary's College, Msgr. O'Grady asserted "It is clear that the time is coming when we must have a program of health protection for the American people that has universal coverage."

Msgr. O'Grady, who was re-elected secretary of the Conference, said that, "It is only when private enterprise with government assistance fails to provide for continuous employment that government must step directly into the breach by providing a program of public work."

"The only way to avoid strikes is to give workers enough to live on." — President Harry Bridges of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union (CIO) after the maritime contract victory.

Record Vote Is Possible

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9 — (LPA) — An all-time record number of potential voters — 91,634,472 — will be eligible to cast their ballots in the November elections, the Census Bureau reported last week. Two years ago the total was 89,204,658.

Pointing out "that women seem destined to be increasingly influential in elections," the Bureau estimated that women eligible for voting will outnumber the men by 1,171,948. Since 1940, it was explained, more women than men are reaching the age of 21.

Only 54% of all persons over 21 — a total of 47,976,263 — voted in 1944 but the percentage has risen gradually since 1928. Bureau officials emphasized that if all women eligible to cast their ballots this year should exercise their right the number would almost equal the total of 46,403,210 votes cast nationally in the 1944 presidential race. The potential voting strength will be increased because of Georgia's new law permitting persons who have reached 18 years of age to vote.

Billion Club Shows Growth

NEW YORK, Sept. 9—(LPA) — The nation's most exclusive organization, the "billion dollar club," composed of corporations with resources of more than one billion dollars each, now has 43 members, a survey by United Press disclosed last week.

Despite the fact that the number has remained at 43 since Dec. 31, 1944, the total combined assets of the billionaire group jumped from $97,731,561,226 to $101,808,613,411. Eighteen banks, 11 insurance companies, six railroads, five industrial corporations and three utilities comprised the financial giants.

For the third successive year Metropolitan Life Insurance topped the list with total assets of $7,561,997,270. The Bell Telephone System and subsidiaries followed with $6,765,557,026. Among the industrial firms, Standard Oil of New Jersey was listed as 10th and the Pennsylvania Railroad as 13th. U. S. Steel rated 16th, General Motors 24th, and Consolidated Edison of New York 31st.

Truman Ignores Request

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9 — (LPA) — Organized labor's demands for a special session of Congress to enact new legislation dealing with the housing crisis, price controls and other "unfinished business" was given the cold shoulder last week by President Truman.

Labor leaders' request for the special session was joined by a number of Congressmen including Sen. James Mead (D. N. Y.) who wanted Congress to reconvene for an extra session to enact the Wagner-Ellender-Taft housing bill. Other senators pointed out that the special session could also take action on such important matters as the 65c minimum wage bill and extension of social security benefits.

Truman told a press conference that he had no intention of recalling Congress immediately after the election because no emergency now exists. However, it was Truman himself who brought up the possibility of a special session when he signed the OPA bill in July. At that time he declared that he would reconvene Congress in advance of its regular session if the safeguards against inflation were found inadequate.

His indifference to labor and congressional demands for a special session made it clear that the President believes that prices have not yet reached the runaway stage despite labor's contentions to the contrary.

"As a democratic institution, we engage in no purges, no witch-hunts. We do not dictate a man's thoughts or beliefs. Most of all, we do not permit ourselves to be stampeded into courses of action which create division among our members and sow the disunity which is sought by those false prophets and critical advisers from without who mean us no good." — United Steelworkers (CIO) statement of policy.

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AFL Teamster Strike Stops N. Y. Trucking

NEW YORK, Sept. 9 (LPA)—Truck traffic in and out of the nation's largest city was almost completely throttled last week with the strike of 15,000 members of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, AFL, and the sympathetic walkout of more than 10,000 other drivers in northern New Jersey.

Negotiations between the Teamsters and the employers were deadlocked despite the intervention of the State Mediation Board. At issue were union demands for increased wage scales that the owners of truck fleets refused to meet. Mayor O'Dwyer recommended an 18½-cents-an-hour increase but the rank-and-file union members refused to end their walkout on that basis.

The strike quickly spread into all of New Jersey and Pennsylvania, halting truck shipments into and out of New York City. Everything from cigarettes to kitchen stoves was affected by the tie-up and city officials expressed concern about the movement of foodstuffs into the metropolitan markets. Teamster union officials, however, said that most perishable foods—with the exception of those destined for chain stores—were being transported, and that meat, butter, eggs and bread were not being left to rot.

Lines of trucks were marooned on highways leading into New York City as pickets stopped interstate drivers. First violence in the strike occurred at Kearny, N. J., where a union picket was shot when he attempted to stop a truck at the American Stores warehouse. Police failed to find occupants of the truck who did the shooting. Meanwhile retail stores were running short of supplies and rank-and-file Teamsters threatened to stop "everything that's rolling."

Profits Cause Meat Famine

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11 (LPA)—The price of meat in coming weeks will be up from 6 to 10 cents a pound over June ceilings—but whether you can find beefsteak or sausage or any other meat at your butcher's is very doubtful.

Meat packers and profiteering millionaire cattlemen have won out over the nation's consumers on both counts. First they persuaded Agriculture Secretary Anderson to use his absolute price-fixing authority to boost the ceilings on livestock over the June 30 ceilings, thus stirring up grumblings even among Agriculture Department officials.

Anderson's subordinates had worked out with OPA officials in some detail the prices that would be listed for meats under the recontrol program. Then, after the Agriculture men thought everything was set for a quick announcement, Secretary Anderson left for New Mexico, where the cattlemen apparently put the pressure on him. As a result, previous calculations had to be scrapped and an entirely new and higher set of prices calculated, thus delaying imposition of retail price ceilings.

On the other count, cattlemen and meat packers won by cleaning out the ranges of even the scrawniest and oldest cows and hogs and sheep during the profits-crazy selling boom which filled meat markets with high-priced meats during July and August. The meat famine during coming months is directly attributed to this fact, both Agriculture and OPA officials will admit.

Agriculture officials were also grumbling at the way Anderson crossed them up on his Sept. 1 list of items that were in short supply. This is the list which OPA must use in determining what foods can remain under ceilings unless they have already been decontrolled. Many canned foods as well as other important foodstuffs were removed from price controls by Anderson's Sept. 1 action.

Georgians Appeal Their Vote System

ATLANTA, Ga. (LPA) — Two Georgia civic leaders plan to take to the U. S. Supreme Court a ruling handed down here last week which upholds the county unit voting system. Nomination of race-hating, labor-baiting Gene Talmadge for governor on the Democratic ticket, the equivalent of election in this state, had been challenged by a university professor and the former president of the Atlanta League of Women Voters.

Talmadge had 14,000 less votes than his opponent, James V. Carmichael, who was supported by liberal Gov. Ellis Arnall to succeed him. However, under the county unit system, each county has two to six unit votes regardless of size or number of eligible voters. Talmadge carried most of the rural counties, which are sparsely populated, and lost out in the cities and industrial areas.

A similar suit is being brought on behalf of Mrs. Helen Douglas Mankin, present member of the House of Representatives from Atlanta, who won the popular vote but not the unit vote. This also was rejected by the U. S. District Court here, and will be taken to the Supreme Court.

Progressive Lays Blames On Labor

MADISON, Wis. (LPA)—Bitter charges that "large segments of organized labor buried their knife in the back of one of the best friends they have ever had" have been made in Sen. Robert M. LaFollette's weekly paper, The Progressive. Official returns in the Wisconsin primary last week revealed that the veteran Senate liberal lost by 5,396 out of 410,510 votes cast.

In an article by Morris Rubin, editor of The Progressive, it is asserted that "although Bob LaFollette carried such heavily labor areas as Milwaukee, Racine and Kenosha in the 1940 campaign he lost them all this time."

Howard McMurray, running unopposed on the Democratic ticket, is now expected to receive the labor vote when he opposes the Republican candidate, Joseph R. McCarthy in November.

Barbara Fritchie calmly said
(And she never took it back):
"Shoot if you must this old grey head—
But, first, here's a buck for PAC."

Area CU Group To Meet Sept. 14

The second annual area meeting of credit unions in northwestern Ohio will be held at the Secor Hotel on Saturday, Sept. 14. A full day of credit union activity is planned, followed by a banquet and dance in the evening, it was announced today by John V. Nation, general chairman. This affair will be sponsored by the Ohio Credit Union League and the Toledo chapter of Credit Unions.

A welcome will be given at the banquet by Ted Wasserman, president of the Toledo chapter, with Theodore Chittenden acting as toastmaster for the evening. The invocation will be given by the Rev. Father Sawkins of the Immaculate Conception Church.

Charles Few, president Ohio division of the National Farmers' Union, of Tiffin, O., will be the main speaker of the evening. It is expected that Mr. Few will have an important message to deliver in keeping with present day affairs.

Entertainment and a dance, with music by Chuck Poffenbaugh's orchestra, will follow the banquet.

Champion to Hold Picnic

Members of the Champion Unit of Local 12 UAW-CIO will hold their annual picnic at Willow Beach, Saturday, September 14 beginning at 12:00 noon, it was announced this week by Vern Montague, Unit chairman.

Free rides will be provided for the children with dancing, sea plane and speed boat rides, for the grownups. Refreshments peanuts, pop and ice cream will be available on the grounds.

Those who do not wish to pack their lunches may obtain them on the grounds at a reasonable price.

VA Advises Veterans

At least three months will be required to cut or increase subsistence allowances to veterans in education and training, necessitated by recent changes in the Servicemen's Readjustment Act, according to Ralph O. Snyder, Toledo manager for the Veterans Administration.

Recent limitations on subsistence to veterans applies whether they are earning money outside while going to school or earning wages in apprentice or regional office a statement of his earnings during August, September and October. This must be done by Nov. 5, or else further checks will be delayed until this information is received.

Veterans are cautioned to take into account that they may later have to return some of the money they are receiving in subsistence allowance during this interim period. If a veteran needs to refund to the government any money he has received in August, September and October checks, he will be notified of the amount, but no time limit will be set for returning the money.

Labor Eyes New NLRB Member

WASHINGTON (LPA) — Labor officials are watching with interest to see the sort of decisions reached by the newest member of the National Labor Relations Board, James N. Reynolds.

Sworn in last week, Reynolds succeeds Gerard D. Reilly, who made probably the worst anti-labor record of any NLRB member since the Board was set up with the passage of the Wagner Act. Reilly, in a retiring interview, told a reporter that he was in favor of revising the Wagner Act in four respects, all of them in line with the wishes of anti-labor Congressmen who would kill the Act with stifling amendments.

Reynolds, who is 37 years old, is a New Yorker who worked his way up to a membership on the Stock Exchange. He resigned in 1939 to work as a laborer in an Alabama foundry, again working his way up to the post of assistant to the president in charge of labor relations. During the war he served the Navy in several important labor relations posts.

Figures Reveal No Prosperity

WASHINGTON (LPA) — A government survey to be officially made public soon reveals that there is still, in Franklin D. Roosevelt's graphic words, one-third of the nation "ill-fed, ill-clothed, and ill-housed."

The highest-paid man in this third of the nation earned about $25 a week last year. In 1945 according to this study, 30% of the people were unable to save any money out of their incomes. On the contrary, over half this group was forced to spend more than it earned, digging into past savings or borrowing from friends to make ends meet.

Why this was true appears immediately from the figures which came out of the study. For, in 1945, this group of people, 30% of the spending units studied, together earned only 9% of the money earned that year. The richest 10% of the population, however, together earned almost 30% of the year.

Labor Economist Given New Job

WASHINGFTON Sept. 9 — (LPA) — David J. Saposs, nationally known labor economist, is slated to become labor consultant to Commissioner Ewan Clague, of the Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics, it was disclosed here this week.

Saposs' appointment received the approval of both AFL President William Green and CIO President Philip Murray. Formerly chief economic adviser to the Office of Labor Production of the War Production Board. Saposs has just completed a tour of duty as chief of the reports section of the U. S. Manpower Division in the German zone controlled by the American Military Government.

Nation's Shipping Paralyzed By AFL Seamen's Walkout

WSB Failure To Approve Wages Causes Ship Strike

NEW YORK, Sept. 9 (LPA)—The government's makeshift wage stabilization program was put squarely on the spot last week as striking AFL seamen paralyzed shipping in all major Pacific, East Coast and Gulf ports.

Maritime Commission officials described the strike as probably the most complete tie-up in the nation's shipping history. In New York alone 240 American and 96 foreign vessels were bottled up. A total of 2534 ships were reported idle as the strike entered its second day.

Cause of the strike was the refusal of the Wage Stabilization Board to approve wage increases negotiated by the AFL unions which were $5 to $10 higher than those granted to CIO maritime unions two months ago.

Strike action, which was approved by 99% of the votes of the Seafarers International Union and the Sailors Union of the Pacific, was called when the WSB "turned down legitimate wage increases which were negotiated by the SIU-SUP and the shipowners and approved by the War Shipping Administration," the union said.

Officials Are Powerless

Labor Department officials admitted they were practically powerless. Because the dispute was between the unions and a government agency with the employers standing "innocently" at the sidelines there was no possibility of Federal concilation. Similarly it was considered doubtful whether the situation would permit the government to propose arbitration or even a fact-finding board.

Success of the strike was further assured when CIO maritime unions, the National Maritime Union and the International Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union, announced they would not violate the AFL picket lines. In addition the seamen had the pledged support of the AFL International Longshoremen's Union and the AFL Teamsters.

Union Means Business

The SIU-SUP strike, unlike the CIO maritime unions which threatened a nationwide walkout in June, made no provision for the passage of troop or relief ships. John Hawk, SIU vice president, told a mass meeting of strikers that "We're on strike because the WSB action and we'll stay on strike until the WSB reverses its decision. I think they understand now that we mean business."

Members of the SIU-SUP, declared a joint statement, "are calling on all maritime workers on three coasts regardless of their affiliation, to support this general strike as it is aimed directly at government bureaucracy which threatens the very life and existence of the labor movement.

"It is the full intention of the SIU-SUP to force the WSB to rescind its actions, and allow the SIU-SUP to negotiate with the shipowners free from government regimentation and interference. To that end the general strike will remain in full effect until the SIU-SUP has again won for all labor the right to bargain collectively on wages, hours and conditions of labor like free men—free from government collusion and interference."

Race Hatred Hit By Truman

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11 (LPA)—President Truman last week went out of his way to assert that "in this country today there exists disturbing evidence of intolerance and prejudice similar in kind, though perhaps not in degree, to that against which we fought the war."

The President's statement was in the form of a letter to Charles G. Bolte, chairman of the American Veterans Committee.

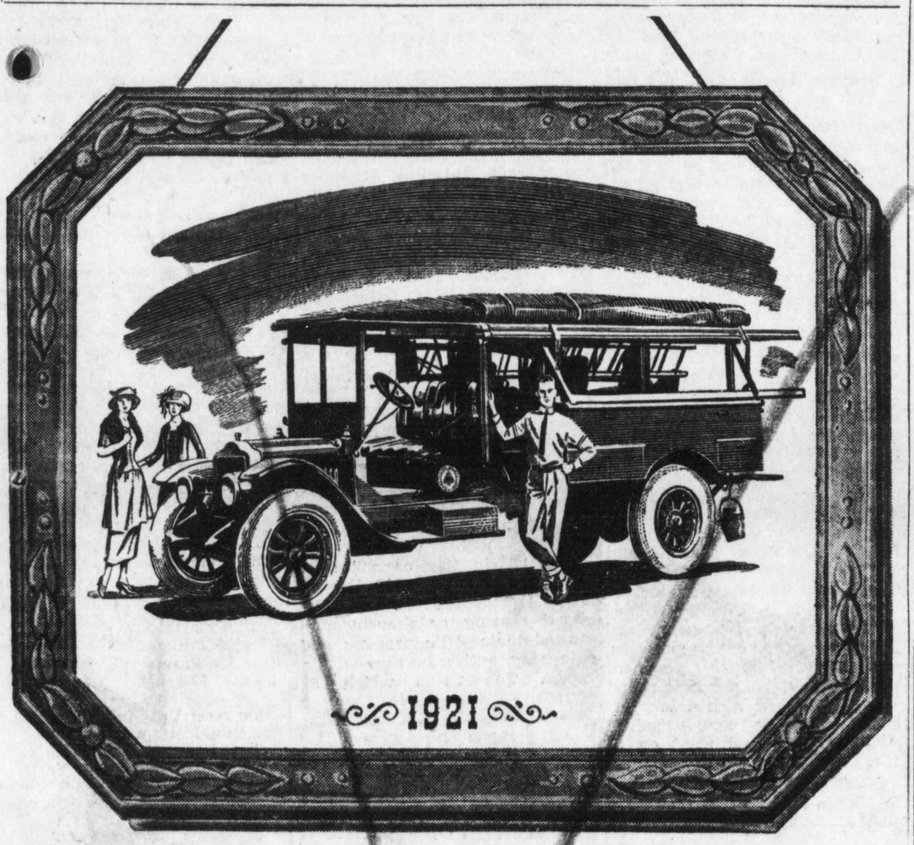
"Discrimination like a disease must be attacked wherever it appears," Truman wrote the youthful leader of Word War II veterans. "This applies to the opportunity to vote, to hold and retain a job and to secure adequate shelter and medical care no less than to gain an education compatible with the needs and ability of the individual."

The AVC chairmen had written to congratulate Truman on his appointment of a National Commission on Higher Education, and to point out that the Commission had a job to do in dealing with racial and religious quota systems operated by many large university admissions offices.

Federal Union Asks Raises

CLEVELAND (LPA) — The cost of living is rising so fast that the Natl. Federation of Federal Employes, indepedent, voted at its convention to ask Congress for salary raises to match the increase of the cost of living as of next January, when the 80th Congress convenes. In debate, proposals for wage boosts from 20 to 10 per cent were made, but delegates agreed unanimously to leave the final figure to the union's executive board.

Re-elected to serve their 30th year for the union were both President Luther C. Steward and Secretary Gertrude McNally. A goal of 200,000 members for 1948 was proposed to the 350 delegates.



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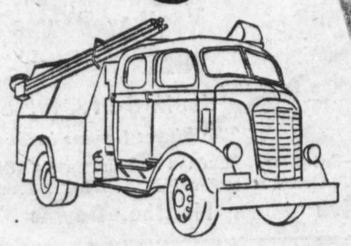

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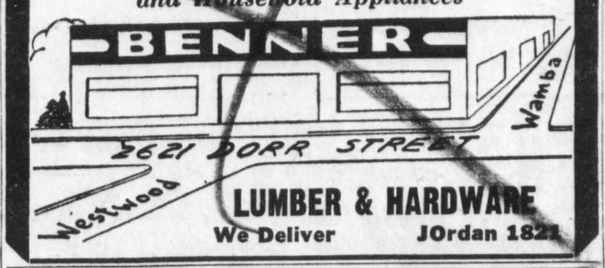

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From The Rule Book

By Wilbert "Birdie" Rule
Director of Education and Recreation
Sports Editor

Hay fever and a torrid race in the National League are two things one can expect in September. And we have both with us again this year.

As the baseball season goes into its final month, all eyes again are focused on the mad scramble for the flag in the Ford Frick circuit and, as this knock-'em-down-drag-'em-out struggle moves into its final stages, one recalls the September drives of other years.

"Birdie" Rule

September drives have brought productive results. For instance, the best percentage for September was attained by the Chicago Cubs in 1935. The Cubs that year, under the able leadership of Charley Grimm, were 10½ games out of first place on July 6th. Then they began clicking, and with a driving finish, romped off with the pennant. They won 21 straight games in September and had a total of 23 victories and three defeats for the month, clinching the pennant on the 27th of September and finishing two games ahead of the Cardinals.

Second to that September record for a pennant winning team is that of the Cardinals of 1930 and 1942. In both of those seasons, the St. Louis flag winners each time gained 21 victories and lost only four games during September. In 1930 Gabby Street's Red Birds clinched the flag on September 26, two days before the season ended, while in 1942 the Cardinals, who on August 15 were trailing the Dodgers by 9½ games, didn't wrap up the pennant until the last day of the season.

The Chicago Cubs of 1938 won 21 and lost 5 games during September of that year. Gabby Hartnett's 1938 team was 3½ games behind the Pirates on September 20. One week later they had reduced the margin to half a game. Then on September 28 in Chicago, with darkness enveloping the field, Hartnett hit his dramatic home run off Mace Brown in the ninth inning. This four bagger won the game and put the Cubs in front by half a game. They beat the Pirates three straight and cinched the flag with only one day to go.

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The honor of being the first National League pitcher to register a victory over every other team in the league goes, this year, to Hugh Casey. The Dodgers' right hander achieved this distinction on July 27 when he was returned the winner in a relief role against the Pittsburgh Pirates.

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Pete Reiser, the Dodgers' speed boy, has stolen more bases this year than he has in all the previous years as a National Leaguer. Up to this season, Pistol Pete had pilfered only 26 bases. In his base stealing exploits this year, Reiser has stolen home more times than any other player in the league's history—at least no one has come forward with any statistics to disprove Reiser's claim to this honor.

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The trout season in Michigan is over for most fishermen but the hardier anglers are preparing now for the big rainbow trout or "steelhead" fishing that will continue on several northern lakes until November 30.

Big fish moving in from the Great Lakes are the main attraction of this late season trout fishing. The sport has a great number of followers who brave even the rigors of snowstorms to take a few of the heavy ones.

Vets With Notre Dame

NOTRE DAME, Ind., Sept. 13—Sixty-eight percent of the 1946 Notre Dame football squad is made up of former servicemen. Of the 70 candidates aspiring for a post on the first eleven, 48 are ex-GI's. Thirty members of the squad served in the Navy. Next comes the Army with 14. Three are from the Marines and one lad served in the Coast Guard.

Pheasant Releases Break Records

Game farms, shifted into high gear following three successive wet springs early in the Division of Conservation post-war wild-program, this year broke all life conservation and restoration records in the production of 4-week old pheasant chicks. More than 42,000 healthy young chicks, a part of the cooperative pheasant rearing program, have now been distributed to all parts of the state. This number breaks all records of previous years in pheasant chick distribution.

Michigan Uses Movies

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Sept. 13—Motion pictures are playing a major part in developing the 1946 University of Michigan football squad in early practice. Movies of previous Wolverine games are shown to the squad underneath the baseball stands on Ferry Field to teach them their blocking assignments on various plays.

SQUIRREL SEASON OPENS

The 1946 squirrel season opens on September 14 and closes on September 28. These dates are statewide as last year's northern and southern zones have been abolished.

Spicer Awarded Local 12 Softball Crown

Local 12 Softball Champions

This is the Spicer Unit softball team which won the championship of the 1946 Local 12 Softball League in competition with some of the best teams in the city of Toledo. The members of the Spicer Unit team are, front row, Wiggy Keeler, Gene Ehrbright, Lefty Jozwiak, Laverne Keller, Bart Tattersall and Art Rate. Back row, Jim Joyce, Bob Pohl, Johnny Grabowski, Bob Bueter, coach, Don Holewinski, Glenn Ginter, and Harvey Robedeau, manager. The bat boy is Gene Robedeau.

Local 12 Baseball Season Ends

The first post-war season for the Local 12 baseball team came to a close, Sunday, after the Union players engaged in a double week-end bill in the Toledo Amateur Baseball Federation.

On Saturday afternoon, the Local 12 team played the Schmidt's Chevrolets on the latter's home field in Perrysburg and after nine innings of play emerged on the short end of a 9 to 4 score. The Chevrolet's took an early lead off the slants of Paul Beamer, who was pitching for Local 12.

Joe Schuette

Beamer was relieved by Manager Joe Schuette in the seventh inning but the Perrysburg boys were not to be denied a victory on their home grounds that day so they kept hitting the Local 12 moundsman and gathered more runs to win. Johnny Mertes showed well behind the plate for Local 12 and Irish LaFollette did some spectacular work for the fans in the outfield. Dorman Stecker, Bill Haffelder and Paul Beamer each got three hits for the losers.

The Local 12 team lost a heart breaker in the final game of the year when the Arnold's Appliance baseballers won over them in the tenth inning of their game at Merrill Field by the close score of 5 to 4. The Local 12 players were in the lead with a two-run margin in the ninth inning when the Appliance men made two runs to tie the score and went ahead in the tenth for the one-run lead and victory.

Bill Kelly performed well on the mound for Local 12 and was ably assisted by Johnny Mertes behind the plate. Kelly allowed only seven hits to the Appliance batters. Wendell Lawrence Local 12 shortstop, hit a triple in the seventh inning and scored on Joe Schuette's sacrifice fly.

The loss put the Local 12 team in third place in the standings and gave the Appliance outfit second place berth. The Schmidt Chevrolet team grabbed the title by winding up in the lead. The Local 12 team got a late start and didn't have much time to gather a team of the highest calibre, but it must be said that the team, under fine management, performed well and made it hot for the other teams throughout the season.

Ladies' Night

The next Local 12 boxing program to be held in the Civic Auditorium on October 7, will be dedicated to the ladies. On that night a lady will be admitted free with one paid admission.

It is also announced at this time that, in an effort to keep prices down, Local 12 will reduce the price of admission to the future amateur boxing shows. From now on all seats for adults will be sold for $1.00 while school children will be admitted for fifty cents. These prices include all taxes.

Local 12 Keglers In Final Meeting

Eight teams from Local 12 shops opened the bowling season Monday night at the Bowl-O-Drome lanes. Others are scheduled to get under way next week.

Women bowlers have decided on Sunday evening for the pinspilling with 12 or 16 teams expected to take part. A final meeting for women bowlers is scheduled for Monday evening at 7:30 P. M. in room 209, Local 12 headquarters.

Teams desiring to bowl on the morning shift, which will comprise second shift workers, are asked to call Bud Pacholski at MA. 8634 or GA. 2861, EXT. 368.

Many men's teams were not placed in a Local 12 league due to lack of alley reservations. Since the opening of new lanes on Reynolds Rd., an attempt will be made to resume plans for an additional men's league to bowl at the new establishment.

Shops desiring additional information are asked to call the above number either during the day or evening or contact Birdie Rule, Local 12 recreation director.

Games Called Off

The proposed softball games between the Local 12 All-Stars and Club 25, of Gary, Indiana, and the Local 12 girls team and a CIO team were called off on account of the region tournament in Chicago.

It is planned to bring these outstanding teams together in the near future.

Football Team Planned

The Executive Board of Directors of Local 12 recommended at their last meeting that a heavyweight amateur football team be sponsored for the coming season and that the team will be entered in the Toledo Football Federation.

The motion will be voted upon at tonight's Local 12 general membership meeting at 8:00 p. m. in the headquarters.

It is planned to place a top-notch team in the field and all members of Local 12 or any member of his family will be eligible to try out for a position on the team.

Anyone interested in developing a football team is asked to contact the Local 12 Recreation Director.

Willys Unit Is Second; P. A. C. Runs Third

The 1946 Local 12 Softball League closed last week with a bang as the classy Spicer Unit team carried off the championship honors after experiencing a slow start in the early season games. The league championship was not decided until the final game.

Due mainly to the fine pitching of Wiggy Keeler and Jim Joyce and the big-league performance of the entire Spicer Unit aggregation, the new champions swept aside all opposition which was placed in the race for the title. When the games were close, the team members came through with tight defensive play, and when a few runs were needed, the heavy hitters went into action to score them.

Next in the running came the Willys Unit softballers, who nosed out the P.A.C. nine for second honors. The Willys team, also, got off to a slow start but gradually shortened the distance to the title position. In contrast the P. A. C players started off with a determination to sweep everythingaside in sight and go through an undefeated season. It looked for a while like they were going to do just that until they ran into the Spicer outfit and suffered their first defeat. From then on the P.A.C. team seemed to lose some of their pep and did not look like the would-be champions which they were at the beginning of the season. However there will be other games and other Local 12 Leagues and the P.A.C. wil get a chance to take other titles.

Harry Hyatt

Harry Hyatt, league manager reports that the other teams which showed well in the 1946 Local 12 Softball League are: Gordon Bumpers, DeVilbiss Unit, Toledo Scales, National Supply, Toledo Industrial Rubber, Champion Spark Plugs, Mather Springs, Acklin Stamping, Save Electrics, Hall Mfg. Unit and the Toledo Tools.

During the past softball season, a fine spirit of friendly rivalry was displayed by the competing teams and a desire to witness clean, exciting, and entertaining sports was voiced by the thousands of fans who attended the softball games.

Licenses Delivered

LANSING, Sept. 13—More than half the hunting season's record of printing of 1,288,100 licenses, back tags and seals already has been dispatched to dealers, and with shipments continuing on schedule all licenses will be on their way to dealers today, the conservation department reports.

Local 12 Boxers Show Well In Bouts

In the five round main event of the Local 12 boxing show, Monday, in the Civic Auditorium, Art Rae, lightheavy, lost the judges' decision to Chuck Speiser, of Detroit. The bout proved interesting to the boxing fans of Toledo and both boys displayed a keen knowledge of the ring game.

Speiser took the decision mainly because of his ability to administer punishment in infighting. Art Rae used his clever left jab to advantage and had his opponent in trouble several times.

The semi-final brought together Leland Strahm, of the Local 12 A. C. and Charley Whitebeaver, Detroit, in a three rounder. The decision went to Strahm because of his superior knowledge of boxing skill, but Whitebeaver pleased the crowd with his rugged tactics. The bout was especially pleasing to the fans and it is hoped to bring these two ringmen back at a later date for a main event of five rounds. Both boys are Golden Gloves winners.

Probably the most exciting bout of the evening was staged between Tito Clarey, 98-pound pride of the Local 12 A. C. and Glenn Abrams of Point Place. These boys fought toe-to-toe for three rounds but Abrams seemed to tire after the first round and Tito was master of the situation, continually beating his opponent to the punch. In the first round Tito was rocked with a few left hooks, but he soon solved Abrams' style and went on to win the decision.

Mark Mills, Local 12 A. C. lost to Martin Gilday, Highland Park Boy's Club because he couldn't fathom the wild swinging style of the Michigander. Mills possesses a good stiff punch and landed several telling blows to the head of Gilday.

Other results of the boxing show were: Lawrence Strahm lost a close one to Sammy Ross; Don Anderson, Local 12 A. C. lost by a shade in his fistic debut to Bud Sheckles of the Strasbourg A. C.; Spunky Lowery, Byrne A. C. took a close one from Jim Staup of the Local 12 boxing stable; Bob Zraik, Local 12, was outboxed by Donald Knill, Detroit, and lost the decision. Zraik is a game lad who shows possibilities of going far in the boxing game; Maxie Dorfmeister used his weight to advantage and won over Dick Stemple, Local 12 mascot.

The "Twin Commando" sons of Walter Madrzykowski, Region 2-B Representative, had the crowd roaring as they demonstrated their fistic prowess and cute ring antics in the curtain raiser. The twins weigh 52 pounds.

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